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TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS

STATIONS	Dep.	A.M.	P.M.	Dep.	A.M.	P.M.	Dep.	A.M.	P.M.
Kowloon	Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.29	7.10
Yau Ma Tei	Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.38	7.19
Shatin	Dep.	7.03	9.38	10.51	12.21	1.38	4.58	5.51	7.31
Tai Po	Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.04	7.44
Tai Po Market	Dep.	7.21	9.53	11.09	12.39	1.53	5.13	6.07	7.48
Fanning	Dep.	7.32	10.03	11.19	12.49	2.03	5.23	6.17	7.58
Shuanghui	Dep.	7.38	10.07	11.23	12.53	2.07	5.27	6.21	8.02
Shumchun	Dep.	7.43	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.13	5.33	6.27	8.08

STATIONS	Dep.	A.M.	P.M.	Dep.	A.M.	P.M.	Dep.	A.M.	P.M.
Shumchun	Dep.	7.51	10.21	11.36	1.01	4.17	5.13	6.07	7.08
Shuanghui	Dep.	7.58	10.28	11.43	1.07	4.24	5.20	6.14	7.15
Fanning	Dep.	8.03	10.33	11.48	1.12	4.29	5.25	6.19	7.20
Tai Po Market	Dep.	8.08	10.38	11.53	1.17	4.34	5.30	6.24	7.25
Tai Po	Dep.	8.13	10.43	12.03	1.22	4.39	5.35	6.29	7.30
Shatin	Dep.	8.18	10.48	12.08	1.27	4.44	5.40	6.34	7.35
Yau Ma Tei	Dep.	8.23	10.53	12.13	1.32	4.49	5.45	6.39	7.40
Kowloon	Dep.	8.30	11.03	12.20	1.38	4.56	5.52	6.46	7.46

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

STATIONS	Dep.	A.M.	P.M.	Dep.	A.M.	P.M.	Dep.	A.M.	P.M.
Kowloon	Dep.	6.40	8.35	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.29
Yau Ma Tei	Dep.	6.50	8.45	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.38
Shatin	Dep.	7.03	8.58	9.38	10.51	12.21	1.38	4.58	5.51
Tai Po	Dep.	7.16	9.11	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.04
Tai Po Market	Dep.	7.21	9.16	9.53	11.09	12.39	1.53	5.13	6.07
Fanning	Dep.	7.32	9.27	10.03	11.19	12.49	2.03	5.23	6.17
Shuanghui	Dep.	7.38	9.33	10.07	11.23	12.53	2.07	5.27	6.21
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Shuanghui	Dep.	8.19	10.39	11.47	1.07	4.24	5.20	6.14	7.15
Fanning	Dep.	8.23	10.43	11.51	1.11	4.28	5.24	6.18	7.19
Tai Po Market	Dep.	8.28	10.48	11.56	1.16	4.33	5.29	6.23	7.24
Tai Po	Dep.	8.37	11.04	12.07	1.25	4.42	5.38	6.32	7.33
Shatin	Dep.	8.51	11.17	12.21	1.38	4.55	5.51	6.45	7.46
Yau Ma Tei	Dep.	9.03	11.29	12.33	1.50	5.07	6.03	6.57	7.58
Kowloon	Dep.	9.11	11.37	12.41	1.58	5.15	6.11	7.05	8.06

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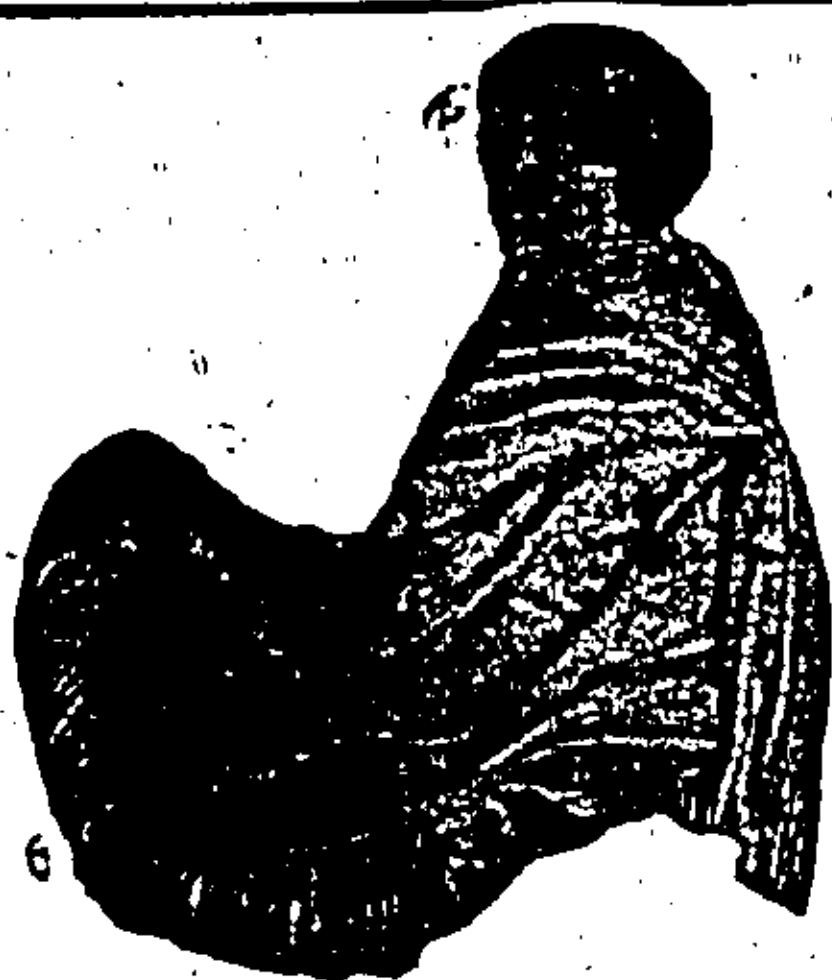
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THE SHING MUN VALLEY
WATERWORKS SCHEME.

TOTAL ESTIMATES \$3,500,000.

The following particulars of the Shing Mun Valley Waterworks Scheme are given in the Report of the Director of Public Works for the year 1924 just issued:—

A report, with estimate, was forwarded to Government in April outlining in detail the various sections of the scheme, which was subsequently submitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for approval.

Briefly, the scheme outlined consists of the complete development of the whole Shing Mun Valley, stretching from Lead Mine Pass to the sea at Shatin. By means of catchwaters, the drainage from the Northern and Southern slopes of Tai Mo Shan will be diverted into the Shing Mun Valley, providing a total estimated drainage area of 13 square miles and yielding a daily supply of 77 million gallons based on the assumption of the driest season.

The scheme has been divided into five sections which will be proceeded with as the requirements of the Colony demand.

FIRST SECTION.
The 1st Section comprises the construction of the necessary aqueducts, tunnels, and the reception reservoir for raw water to cope with the yield of the fully developed scheme. Filtration plant, service reservoirs, and a pipe line to deal with 5 million gallons daily are provided for in the meantime, but admit of extension when necessary arises.

This section will deal with the normal flow of the Shing Mun River, which will be diverted above Pineapple Pass into the permanent conduits and tunnels by means of a temporary channel. An access road, 1.92 miles in length, from Tsun Wan to Pineapple Pass is also included in this section and is more fully described later.

SECOND SECTION.
The 2nd Section deals with the construction of three impounding reservoirs in the upper Shing Mun Valley, having an estimated total capacity of 2,000 million gallons, catchwaters discharging through Lead Mine Pass, and the necessary extension to the filter plant, while a 2nd trunk main would also probably be required under this section.

THIRD SECTION.
The 3rd Section involves the construction of a large catchwater draining 7,000 acres of the Southern face of Tai Mo Shan from Tsun Lung Village to Pineapple Pass where it will discharge into the Shing Mun Valley. Two storage reservoirs near Tsun Lung, having an aggregate capacity of about 340 million gallons, would also be constructed to control the flood water discharge in the catchwater, while further additions to the filtering plant and to the trunk mains would also have to be made.

These 3 sections complete the gravity portion of the Scheme and are estimated to provide a minimum daily yield of 11 million gallons.

FOURTH SECTION.
The 4th Section consists of an Access Road from the Tai Wai Village to the mouth of the North Tunnel, two storage reservoirs having an aggregate capacity of 2,100 million gallons, catchwaters draining the Eastern slopes of Needle and Grass Hills, and a pumping station at Tai Wai with rising mains to the mouth of the North Tunnel.

FIFTH SECTION.
The 5th Section is a very doubtful one and may never materialise. It projects the development of the Gin Drinkers Bay Valley by forming a large dam across the estuary with the necessary pumps and mains to deliver the water into the South Tunnel. An estimated yield of 5 million gallons daily may be expected from this source, but this quantity is additional to the 17 million gallons already alluded to.

IMMEDIATE CONSTRUCTION OF FIRST SECTION.
The approval of the scheme by the Secretary of State for the Colonies was received in May with sanction for the immediate construction of the 1st Section.

- The works involved thereby are:—
1. An access road 1.92 miles in length, from Tsun Wan to Pineapple Pass.
 2. An intake dam across the Shing Mun River above Pineapple Pass with a temporary conduit 6,000 ft. in length.
 3. The North Conduit 2,900 ft. in length.
 4. The North Tunnel through Smugglers Ridge 2,180 ft. in length.
 5. The South Conduit 2,000 ft. in length.
 6. The South Tunnel through the Golden Hill 4,490 ft. in length.
 7. A raw water reception reservoir in the lower Shek Lai Pui Valley having a top water level of 480.00 A.O.D. and an effective capacity of 33 million gallons.
 8. A filtration plant immediately below the above reservoir, of which the 1st Section will be capable of dealing with 5 million gallons per day.
 9. A covered reinforced concrete service reservoir of 5 million gallons capacity adjoining the filters.
 10. A 24 in. trunk main to Kowloon Point 4.40 miles in length with a feed to the Kowloon System at Piper's Hill.

(Continued on next Column).

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER
DEFENCE CORPS.

[ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O., ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT.]

No. 906.

FIELD DAY.

10th January, 1926.

The Field Day on 10th January, 1926, will be held between Tai Po Market and Fanling. Any members who have failed to attend the preceding Field Days are reminded that this will be their last opportunity for making themselves efficient on the count of attendance at Field Days.

Rendezvous Kowloon Station at 9 a.m. Return by 3.11 p.m. train from Fanling.

Operation orders will be issued to O.C. units.

Dress: Uniform, helmet, khaki jacket, shorts, puttees, rifle, bayonet, belt, braces, pouches, haversack and waterbottle.

Arms: Will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 8th January, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, 9th January, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

RESERVE COMPANY.

Musket Course: Part I.

Part I. Musket Course will be fired at Stonecutters' Range on Sunday, 10th January, 1926.

Range Officer: 2nd-Lieut. G. K. Hall.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform optional, but rifles, bayonets and pouches must be taken.

Arms: Will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 8th January, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, 9th January, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The following N.C.O.'s and men of the Engineer Company were tested on 17th December, 1925, under the direction of C.R.E. China Command, and passed the prescribed tests as under:—

Engine Drivers:—No. 454 Lce.-Corpl. W. E. C. Jarrett, No. 783 Spr. S. R. Jones, and No. 617 Spr. F. E. Nicholson.
Electricians:—No. 101 Sergt. T. Bolt, No. 459 Corpl. M. A. Johnson, No. 738 Spr. A. W. W. Salter, No. 915 Spr. C. E. Tavares, No. 852 Spr. J. H. Shaw and No. 601 Bulger G. Fowler.

TRANSFER.

No. 672 Pte. J. H. Austin, No. 2 Platoon, is permitted to transfer to the Reserve Company, as from 10th December, 1925.

LEAVE.

No. 431 C.Q.M.S. R. J. Tyler, No. 430 Sergt. M. D. Coupland, Engineer Company, are granted 12 months' leave from 1st January, 1926, to 31st December, 1926.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following are permitted to resign from the Corps as from 31st December, 1925, and 31st January, 1926, respectively:—

No. 605 Pte. W. H. Lock, No. 1 Platoon.
No. 464 Bugler R. H. J. Brooks, Engineer Company.

MARKSMAN.

The following has qualified as marksman and is entitled to wear the badge for one year:—

No. 699 Pte. McLennan, K.C. No. 5 Platoon, 90 points.
L. D. JOLL, Captain.
Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.
Hongkong, December 31st, 1925.

11. A covered reinforced concrete service reservoir at Piper's Hill with a capacity of 14 million gallons.

12. A 24 in. main 1.10 miles in length across the Harbour from Nathan Road, Kowloon, to the Praya at Jackson Road, Hongkong.

13. A 24 in. main 0.60 mile in length from the Praya at Jackson Road to the Botanical Gardens.

14. A covered reinforced concrete service reservoir in the Botanical Gardens disposing of a 5 million gallons capacity at a top water level of approximately 250 A.O.D.

1. This work is in progress.

2 & 3. Tenders were called for in December and were still under consideration at the close of the year.

4, 5 & 6. A contract was let to Messrs. Sir W. G. Armstrong Whitworth & Co. in November and by the end of the year good progress has been made with the erection of housing accommodation, plant, etc.

7. A contract was let to Messrs. Trollope and Colls (Far East), Ltd., in December.

8. Tenders from British Manufacturers of Mechanical and Fast Gravity Filters were called for and received, but no decision has been come to by the end of the year.

9. Only the necessary survey work has been completed.

10. The survey work was nearing completion and the preparation of the indent for the pipe was well in hand by the end of the year.

11. This is referred to in paragraph 10 of this report.

12. Fifteen borings and 56 prickings were taken across the harbour on a line between Nathan Road, Kowloon, and Jackson Road, Hongkong, and the preparation of the necessary data and plans were well in hand by the end of the year.

13 & 14. Only preliminary survey work has been carried out.

Total Estimates \$3,500,000.00
Total Expenditure 11,213.34

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HONGKONG VITAL STATISTICS.

The following paragraphs are taken from the Medical Report for the year 1924:-

The population of the Colony is estimated to be:-
British and foreign civilians... 15,000
Chinese civilians... 783,500
Total number of Chinese... 798,500
Total number of non-Chinese... 15,000
Total number of births... 3,850

The general birth rate for the civil population is said to be 5.8 and that of the Chinese 5.47 per 1,000. From the nature of the case it is practically impossible to arrive at a correct estimate of the Chinese birth rate.

The total number of deaths was 15,553 and the general death rate was 21.75 per 1,000. Of this total there were 15,301 Chinese and 251 non-Chinese.

Infantile Mortality.—Among infants of one month or less, 7 non-Chinese and 1,131 Chinese, died. Of those infants who were more than a month old but less than a year, 30 non-Chinese and 3,567 Chinese died. The total number of children who died at the age of a year or less was 3,597. These figures are derived from reliable statistics because the registration of deaths is compulsory, but as births are not registered in every case the Chinese birth rate given above is not accurate. (These statistics are derived from the Medical Officer of Health's office.)

THE P. & O. REPORT.

The P. & O. Report and statement of accounts shows that after providing for depreciation interest and depreciation, the net profit for the year ended September 30th amounted to \$283,969 (against \$297,124 for 1923-24). This is to be disposed of in the payment of the preferred and deferred stock dividends (the latter, as already announced, being reduced from 12 per cent. to 10 per cent., free of tax; absorbing \$158,000 and \$259,952 respectively, in placing \$281,608 (against \$294,150) to reserve for redemption of debenture stock; in adding \$40,000 (against nil) to provide good service fund; and in increasing the "carry forward" from \$101,034 to \$142,143. Last year, \$139,711 was used in writing off the discount on, and cost of issue of, debenture stock.

The directors state that the poor state of trade generally, the unrest in China, and the loss caused by the labour troubles compel them to recommend the reduction in the deferred stock dividend as they consider it prudent in present circumstances to husband the company's resources. The company and other British shipowners trading to Australasia and the Cape have lately been involved in a serious shipping strike of an unofficial character, with lawlessness and breaches of agreement. This strike has involved the company in very serious loss. The home trade from India has been active, but rates have been unremunerative.

As regards the passenger traffic, this continues satisfactory, and with the new and larger steamers put on the various lines, together with the considerable activity in short sea traffic to the Mediterranean and Egypt, there has been an increase in passenger traffic in the past year.

"PHONE FLIRTATION."

A TALE FROM HONGKONG.

The China Express and Telegraph (London) has the following:-

A smart correspondent in Hongkong writes that the telephone company of that city has found it necessary to notify that Chinese telephone subscribers who first over the wires with the telephone girls more than three times will have their numbers cancelled. If the information is correct, which we doubt, one is compelled to ask: Why Chinese? Who is to keep the record of those flirtations and who is to identify the flirter? It would be easier, we think, to deal with the flirtatious operator, but the telephone girls of Hongkong are mostly Portuguese or Eurasians and pretty hard to catch. Anyway, the news has given the papers here something funny to tell their readers at a particularly dull season. The Daily Express, which loves a bit of the kind, commissioned one of its representatives to make an experimental attempt to flirt with a London operator, and met with much the same icy result as would, we are sure, have attended an amatory effort of the kind in Hongkong. He records the experience as follows:-

"Number, please," said the unseen miracle of efficiency. "I like the sound of your voice," replied the experimenter. "Number, please!" There was a distinct snap in the calm tones, and the caller blushed, but persisted. "I think you want the supervisor," said the operator icily and, unexpectedly, made the connection. It was the last thing the caller wanted. When he had recovered he went out and asked a girl operator who was off duty what she thought of the Hongkong company's action. "Well," she said, "I think it's silly, and I can't imagine what the Hongkong switchboard is like. It must have about four subscribers, if the girls have time for flirting. I never have a chance even to talk to myself. Besides—" and she laughed "fancy flirting over the line with a man you'd never see." "Please explain." "Well, if you'd rung me up I might have thought you were the handsomest man on earth!" No one can get the better of a London telephone girl.

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HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

DECEMBER 30th, 1925.	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,050 nom.
Do. London	\$127 nom.
Chartered Bank	\$21 nom.
Mercantile Bank, A. & R.	\$23 nom.
Do. C.	\$21 nom.
P. & O. Bank	\$24 nom.
East Asia Bank	\$25 nom.
Canal Insurance	\$385 buy, \$390 sa.
China Underwriters	\$31 buy.
North China Insurance	\$140 nom.
Union Insurance	\$233 buy.
Yangtze Insurance	\$33 buy.
China Fire Insurance	\$180 nom.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	\$180 nom.
Do. C.	\$180 nom.
H.K. & M. Steamboats	\$23 nom.
Hongkong Tyne	\$24 nom.
Indo-China (Prof.)	\$38 nom.
Do. (Def.)	\$33 nom.
Do. Hongkong	\$35 sel.
Shell Transport	\$61 buy.
Star Ferry	\$49 buy.
Waterworks	\$18 buy.
Oriental Navigations	\$250 nom.
China Sugars	\$31 nom.
Malayan Sugars	\$48 nom.
Benguet	\$190 nom.
Kailash Mining Ad.	\$47 nom.
Langkai (combined)	\$140 nom.
Do. (single)	\$140 nom.
Shanghai Corporation	\$140 nom.
Shanghai Loans	\$140 nom.
Banks	\$580 sel.
Tonghai Mines	\$50 nom.
Ural Caspian	\$7 nom.
H.K. & W. Wharves	\$129 buy, \$129/30 sa.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$4 buy.
New Engineering	\$14 buy.
Shanghai Docks	\$114 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	\$37 buy.
Hongkong Lands	\$38 buy, \$7/8 sa.
Hongkong Realty (p.p.)	\$5 buy, \$4 sel.
H.K. Territorial (p.p.)	\$6 buy.
Humphreys Estates	\$150 buy.
Prince's Buildings	\$7 sel.
Bank Lands	\$10 sel.
Two Cottons	\$10 sel.
Oriental	\$10 sel.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	\$10 sel.
Do. (new)	\$10 sel.
Amusements	\$101 buy.
Canal Loss	\$71 nom.
Cement (combined)	\$14 buy.
Do. (old)	\$14 nom.
Do. (new)	\$3 nom.
China Buses	\$104 buy.
China Lights (combined)	\$19 sel.
Do. (old)	\$15/10 nom.
Do. (new)	\$10/5 nom.
China Providents (comb.)	\$33 nom.
Do. (old)	\$4 sel.
Do. (new)	\$4 sel.
Constructions	\$2 buy.
Dairy Farms	\$173 nom.
Do. A Wing (p.p.)	\$10 nom.
Hongkong Electric	\$544 buy, \$547/3 sa.
Macao Electric	\$40 nom.
H.K. Developments	\$30 csa. buy.
H.K. Bopes (combined)	\$43 nom.
Do. (old)	\$43 nom.
Do. (new)	\$43 nom.
Hongkong Tramways	\$24 buy, \$24 sa.
Lana Overfords	\$123 nom.
Maskintohs	\$214 nom.
Peak Trams (old)	\$154 buy.
Do. (new) (c.p.)	\$3 nom.
Sincerus	\$5 sel.
Taxis	\$30 nom.
United Assets	\$122 buy.
Waters (old)	\$12 buy.
Do. (new)	\$12 buy.
Wm. Powells	\$13 sel.
buy—buyers; sel.—sellers; sa.—seller; no.n.—nominal.	

SINGAPORE RUBBER MARKET.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have received a cable from Singapore notifying that the rubber market is active, and stating that the price of raw rubber is \$1.57 per lb. They are also notified that the Glenaleys Plantations, Ltd., has declared a 30 per cent. Final Dividend for account 1925 and a 10 per cent. Interim Dividend for account of next year.

The latest quotations received by cable are:-

Allenbys	Str. \$2.75
Alor Gajahs	3.60
Ayer Moles	3.60
Ayer Panas	16.50
Balgownies	6.50
Bassettas	1.85
Brogas	2.05
Bukit Jelutongs	1.55
Bukit Katils	1.80
Changkat Serdangs	11.00
Connermaras	3.50
Glenaleys	10.95
Indragiris	1.90
Jerams	1.90
Jimahs	2.85
Kedahs	4.75
Kempas	11.00
Kuan Sidims	4.65
Linas	18.50
Malaka Pindas	3.80
Malakoffs	6.25
Mandai Tekongs	1.15
Mayfields	15.00
New Craigeleas	2.90
New Serendahs	5.75
Nyalas	18.50
Pajams (ex div.)	10.25
Pajams	1.90
Punggor	5.25
Sandycrofts	4.60
Scudals	6.00
Sungei Bagans	32.50
Tapah	3.50
Tambalaks	1.95
Teluk Ansons	18.50
United Malacass	3.85
Utun Simpans	5.75
Price of raw rubber: \$1.57 per pound.	

Dividends:
Glenaleys (Final) 30 per cent., a/c 1925;
and Glenaleys (Interim) 10 per cent., a/c 1925.

The Observer, describing the Hongkong item as "a ripple in China's sea of trouble," recalls the Mikado's edict against those "who flirted, leered, or winked, unless connubially linked;" and it will be observed that the Japanese sentence of beheading is in this case commuted to the analogous penalty of being cut off.

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MAILS FROM FAR EAST.

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In application of the cable sent through Reuters Agency a month ago on this subject we reproduce the following report from a London paper:-
Complaint was made at a meeting of the Council of the Bradford Chamber of Commerce on November 24th that mails sent to this country from the Far East via Siberia were delayed, instances being quoted of mails taking three months. In addition, it was said mails were missing altogether, and in some cases letters were tampered with, this latter appearing to have taken place when letters were passing through territory of the Soviet Government.
A letter from a member said: "Certainly ten letters despatched between August 1st and October 1st are missing altogether. We know they have been sent, because our agent in Japan recently commenced to number his letters." The letter went on to comment on the fact that letters were allowed to be handled by the Soviet Government.
Mr. H. Sutcliffe Smith said, he had also had complaints of delay, and there was evidence of letters being tampered with on the Siberian route.
Mr. H. T. Tulloch (Secretary) said that in the case of a registered letter sent to the Chamber, a Siberian sealing-wax was broken and the letter had obviously been opened.
It was decided to call the attention of the Postmaster-General to the matter.

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Goods not cleared by the 2nd January, 1926, at Noon, will be subject to Rent. All broken, chafed and damaged Packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined in the presence of Consignees by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on 31st Dec. 1925, at 10 a.m. Claims against the Steamer including those for Cargo short delivered and/or presented on the Special Form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents. Hongkong, 26th December, 1925. [3009]

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th January, 1926, will be subject to Rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 10th January, 1926, or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 30th December, 1925. [3016]

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REVIEW OF TRADE FOR 1925.

EFFECTS OF THE BOYCOTT.

AWAITING A FAVOURABLE TURN OF EVENTS.

In accordance with our annual custom we publish the following notes on local trade during the year:—

PIECE GOODS.

In reviewing the past year's working of the Piece Goods trade of Hongkong a dismal picture must be drawn of what has been the most unsatisfactory period for many years. The year opened with a healthy feeling all round, giving justification to a hope that a steady trade would be forthcoming after the China New Year Settlement. The festival came and went and in the interim, before the Colony was faced with the general strike, degenerating into a boycott of British goods in Canton, only a desultory interest was evinced by dealers in any class of Piece Goods. From June onwards, business has been practically at a standstill, dealers being afraid to commit themselves, pending a favourable turn of events in Canton. Deliveries were poor, owing to the blockade of Canton, and much seasonal cargo will be carried over into 1926. To forecast prospects for the coming year is an impossibility, everything depending upon the political situation in, and around Canton.

METALS.

Business during the early part of the year was disappointing. The stocks of most lines, appeared to be sufficient for trade purposes in the first three months, and dealers were reluctant to pay the equivalent of prices asked for by importers. The amount of business looked after the Chinese New Year festival was well below the average, and this subsequently proved to be the salvation of the market. Since the strike and boycott, the movement of stocks to the consuming districts has been practically nil, and demand for new supplies unimportant. The year 1925 can only be described as one of the worst on record from the view points of both importers and dealers.

Mild Steel Bars, Angles, Joists.—For Continental supplies, shippers, at the beginning of the year were asking 125/2 to 157/6 per ton c.i.f. and dealers were offering \$3.00 to \$4 a picul, but little business was placed. Home prices sagged during the year to 147/6 in May, 142/6 in September, and 137/6 to 133/6 in October and November. Buyers came out in November, and a fair quantity of material (1,200 tons to 1,300 tons) was booked at prices ranging from \$3.65 to \$3.75 a picul.

Mild Steel Plates.—Very little business reported during the year. Prices quoted from home close at 145/- per ton c.i.f., but there is no demand.

Scrap Plate Cuttings.—Prices in January were quoted at 140/- c.i.f., and dealers paid \$3.35 to \$3.00 per picul, but small quantities only were booked. There were enquiries in November, but dealers do not seem willing to pay the equivalent of London prices, which have sagged to 125/- to 125/6 per ton c.i.f. Local stocks are small, and with a revival in trade there should be new business offered.

One of the principal consuming districts, Wuchow, has been out of the market for the last six months, and the impression is that what stocks are held locally will be readily absorbed as soon as this port is opened up again to trade with Hongkong.

Wire Nails.—Local stocks are large, but the reports from the neighbouring consuming districts indicate a large shortage. Prices ruling locally for the 11-din specification is round about \$6 to \$6.50 per picul, but it is reported that double this price is being asked, up country. Quotations from London have sagged during the year and for the 11-din specification only 14/- per picul/kg is being asked to-day, whereas in January the quotation stood at 18/-.

Galvanized Wire.—Very little business is to be reported in this line.

Tinplates.—Sales of 2,000 to 3,000 boxes were reported in November at prices ranging from \$9 to \$9.30 per box, but the consumption during the year will show a large falling off.

Not until trade is opened up again freely and stocks taken off the market, will it be possible to forecast the possibilities of the New Year. It is the general opinion that stocks of all lines, in the neighbouring provinces, are very far short of normal, and there should be good demand when trade is resumed. Dealers and importers are likely to exercise caution in their buying, and it can hardly be expected that a return to normal will take place until conditions have become settled.

THE RAW SUGAR MARKET

The world's sugar crop for the year 1924/25 amounted to 23,557,280 tons, exceeding the previous year's total by about three million tons, Cuba leading with an increase of over one million tons cane sugar. Prices of sugar generally have in consequence sagged very materially, Cuban being at one time quoted under 2 cents per pound C & F New York, the

lowest price recorded since 1921-2. On the other hand consumption has materially increased and demand has been close up to supply contrary to expectations.

The low purchasing value has undoubtedly assisted the increased demand considerably. Prices in many directions have been well below cost of production, and it is therefore unlikely that a generally intensive cultivation campaign can continue indefinitely. It appears at present to be a fight for supremacy between the Beet and the Cane growers, and if so, it is certainly not profitable to either at present low market values. It may be assumed that unless production continues to increase at the same rate as of late, prices of sugar will be maintained; if not improved, after the weight of output reaches its pinnacle next year.

Another bumper crop of about 5 1/2 million tons is expected from Cuba 1925/26, but otherwise no increase of any importance is expected in the sum total of the world's output for next year. It was expected that Cuba would show a carry over of about one million tons surplus at the end of the present year, but this estimate, owing to good demand, has now been reduced to about 1/2 million tons. In 1921 over one million tons were carried over by Cuba, but were soon absorbed by the better demand that set in owing to low prices.

Below we give the market prices of Java White Sugars during the present year:

JAVA WHITES FIRST COST.	
January	Fl. 13.25
February	Fl. 13.75
March	Fl. 13.50
April	Fl. 13.50
May	Fl. 13.50
June	Fl. 13.50
July	Fl. 13.50
August	Fl. 13.50
September	Fl. 13.50
October	Fl. 13.50
November	Fl. 13.50
December	Fl. 13.50

TOBACCO.

For the first half year of 1925 the Tobacco Trade in China showed a decided increase, particularly the cigarette trade.

However, the Shanghai incident which occurred in May, caused the practical stoppage of cigarette manufacturing in Shanghai for three months, due to the failure of the Municipal Electric Plant there to supply power for the mills. As Shanghai is the largest cigarette producing port in China the tobacco business for 1925 shows a decrease and, it is interesting to note that there is not a single cigarette factory of any size or output operating in China outside of a foreign concession as Chinese factory owners as well as foreign owners prefer the security of Foreign Concessions for the investment of their capital.

During the latter part of the year business has improved very considerably and at Shanghai approximately 25 new cigarette companies have commenced placing their brands on the market.

This year's taxation considerably hampered the free movement of stocks to the interior as Local Authorities have at present no standard of taxation for tobacco and cigarettes, but it is to be hoped that the Tariff Conference at present meeting in Peking will be a success and succeed in standardizing taxation on tobacco and cigarettes throughout China to the satisfaction of the more or less independent Governors in the Provinces. If this is done the future of the tobacco trade is distinctly good as there would be a considerably larger consumption at present if the movement of stock was not very much hampered by various taxes, banditry, etc.

It is interesting to note that although the first cigarette machine to be imported to China was only 34 years ago, China exported to foreign countries during 1924 cigarettes to the value of approximately 24 million dollars. The importation of foreign-made cigarettes to China in 1924 compared with 1923 showed a decrease due to the development of cigarette factories in China for the cheaper grades.

In this connection it is interesting to note that the well-known firm, The British-American Tobacco Co. (China), Ltd., to-day directly employ in their factories in China 25,000 Chinese, having taught these employees the craft of printing, the scientific building of machines and machine parts, the making of tin foil by machinery, etc. This Company also has the most up-to-date and best equipped Cinema Studio in China in connection with their Advertising Department.

This firm were also instrumental in improving the quality of tobacco grown in North China as they saw the necessity some years ago of getting their supply of tobacco from this country and brought out expert tobacco growers to China from America to teach the farmer the best method of growing and curing tobacco, afterwards buying the tobacco in competition with all buyers on the open market. In sections where they have carried on tobacco growing the farmers have profited enormously and their land has increased several fold in value.

FLOUR.

The year commenced with rather heavy stocks, but with a sudden rise in wheat prices throughout the world buying here decreased with the result that stocks were considerably reduced. Shipments to Canton and Coast Ports were regular until the strike which commenced on the 23rd June. Canton, which is one of Hongkong's best markets for flour, has been unable to obtain shipment direct. Since June the demand has been small but regular shipments have been made to Indo-China and Bangkok.

Prices have remained fairly steady but at the close of the year the wheat market appears stronger on account of reported shortage of supplies from the Argentine and Australia.

Stocks at the present time here are estimated at 350,000 sacks, and if there is a settlement of the strike at Canton this lot will be rapidly worked off and make room for the consignments to arrive in January.

The year has not been a very satisfactory one for the Chinese dealers as they had to meet some losses on their February purchases at rather higher prices than those actually realized. Shanghai flour was a keen competitor early in the year but with the trouble in North China supplies were unobtainable in the South.

Australian flour has given satisfaction throughout the year but with the limited space available for flour on the vessels trading with China the imports have not been as heavy as the millers in Australia desired.

There is no doubt that provided there is a settlement in the political affairs and the strike against Hongkong at Canton we may see larger imports of flour in 1926.

GUNNY BAGS.

The local trade in gunny bags has been affected to a certain extent by the recent trouble, but in comparison with last year the prices show a marked increase due almost entirely to the much smaller jute crop in Calcutta. The estimated Bengal crop for the present season is 7,851,285 bales, and allowing 150,000 for outlying districts and Madras, this gives a total crop for 1925-26 of 8,801,285 bales. The estimate of the total consumption is stated at 10,133,000 bales showing an apparent deficit (unless the actual output of the crop exceeds the estimate) of 1,331,715 bales.

The demand has been just about as usual. In most places it has not really been affected by the strike troubles in China.

The increase in prices is entirely due to the anticipated shortage of the jute crop. The prospect at the moment is that prices will rule firm, with the likelihood of an advance at the beginning of this year. In view of the high prices buyers hesitate to purchase on any large scale and really only cover from hand to mouth.

CEMENT.

There was a very fair demand for Cement for the first six months of the year at the low prices ruling. Since the strike, however, this trade has suffered severely.

BUILDING IN HONGKONG. LARGE NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES LAST YEAR.

The Director of Public Works in his Report for 1924, just made available to the public, says the outstanding feature of the year's work under the Buildings Ordinance is the large number of new houses which were completed.

With regard to the reconstruction of houses, the Amendment to the Rents Restriction Ordinance, which came into force in the early part of the year, was responsible for a marked decrease in the number of houses in course of reconstruction at the end of the year. The Buildings Ordinance Office was, however, involved in a very considerable amount of additional work as a result of this amendment. The numerous applications for permission to reconstruct property, and the appeals arising therefrom, entailed a considerable amount of time and labour.

The total number of houses affected, both in Hongkong and Kowloon, was 1,924. The number of plans submitted during 1924 showed a decrease in the number of proposed new houses, and the Director says it may, therefore, be anticipated that, at the end of 1925, there will be a fall in the number of new buildings completed.

A tabulated statement showing the number of Buildings, etc., for which plans were deposited during the year, shows a net decrease of 1,231 or 20 per cent.

The number of plans deposited during the year was 3,111 as compared with 3,455 for 1923, a decrease of 348 or 10 per cent. The number of plans approved during the year was 4,258 as compared with 3,198 in 1923 an increase of 1,060 or 23 per cent.

Certificates for new buildings were issued in respect of 1,953 domestic buildings, of which 300 were European and 1,753 Chinese dwellings, and 109 non-domestic buildings.

These figures show an increase of 970 in the case of "Domestic" and an increase of 55 in the number of "Non-Domestic" buildings compared with the figures for the preceding year.

WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather report, forecast and remarks by the Royal Observatory said:—

A moderate anticyclone remains nearly stationary over China. Fresh to strong monsoon may be expected along the coast of China over the North China Sea. Local forecast: N.E. winds, fresh, overcast; drizzle.

INTERPORT RUGBY.

KEIO UNIVERSITY DEFEATS HONGKONG.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, December 30th. In the interport rugby match against Keio University, the Hongkong fifteen were defeated by 8 points to 3.

THE GAME DESCRIBED.

Hongkong pressed at the start. After twenty minute's play Hagihara scored a try which was converted. Bad passing by the Japanese nearly let Hongkong in; but Takano (full-back) cleared well.

Lammert scored a very good try for Hongkong. He dodged through all the Japanese team but the try was not converted. The half-time score was 5-3.

Exciting play and nice touch-kicking by both sides followed the re-start. Mitano scored a good try, which was not converted.

The game was very fast. Keio were outweighed but were quicker on the ball; though Hongkong used their weight to great advantage.

Andrews was carried off the field after being hurt in the second-half.

LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

RESULT OF LEAGUE GAME PLAYED YESTERDAY.

Division I.

East Surrey's, 5; R.A., 1. Yesterday, on the Garrison ground at Sookunpoo, the R.A. failed to maintain their form of their first league game with the East Surrey's (which ended in a drawing of one goal), being defeated by five goals to one. Bain fell throughout the game and towards the end the ground was slippery and the players found it nearly impossible to keep on their feet. After fifteen minutes' play the Surrey's took the lead from a free kick by McGreavy, for hands against Miles close in. The first half favoured the Surrey's and Humberstone put on two goals before the interval, the Army centre forward running clean through the opposing defence. Halftime, East Surrey's, 3; R.A., 0.

Early in the second half the R.A. scored their only goal of the match. Cooper, handed in the penalty area and Renda beat Douglas from the spot kick. The play now became scrappy and Butler beating both backs by an individual effort went on to score from close range. Just on time Butler came through again and beat Stanton making the score five goals to one in favour of the Surrey's.

Surrey's—Douglas; Cooper and Jordan; McGreavy, Mitchell and Bristow; Charlesworth, Hicks, Humberstone, Butler and Muckleworth.
R.A.—Stanton; Trim and Excell; Rachell; Renda and Vickers; Grew, Wilson, Pulford, Luckock and Tacey.
Referee: Mr. Arnold.

CRICKET.

The Hongkong Civil Service 1st team will play a friendly game with Royal Navy "A" on the C.S.O.C. ground at 11 a.m. on Saturday next.

The C.S. team will comprise: F. J. de Rome (capt.), H. G. Wallington, F. Baker, E. C. Fincher, H. F. Harper, H. E. Strange, E. W. Hamilton, F. E. Lawrence, B. D. Evans, H. F. Westlake, C. Sarna. Reserves: P. E. Booker and E. A. Bastin.

ANNUAL UNIVERSITY MATCH.

The following will be the teams in the annual University Past & Present match beginning at 10.30 a.m. on New Year's Day.

Past—Messrs. Ng Sze Kwong (capt.), W. M. Gittins, A. H. Rumbach, C. Chon, H. C. Hunt, W. Hall, J. L. Youngs, T. E. Yoh, Yung, Hin Lang, Dr. D. K. Samy, Dr. S. A. M. Sopher and Mr. A. T. M. Barma. Umpire: Mr. C. G. Anderson. Scorer: Mr. M. A. Khan.

Present—Messrs. A. A. Rumbach (capt.), R. A. Ponsbury Fane, H. N. Balhatch, S. O. Shababudin, C. W. Lam, D. Laing, S. Hachimu, E. Zimern, B. N. Sudan, Y. C. Teh, I. Tajima, and B. P. Ng. Umpire: Mr. C. H. Peoh. Scorer: Mr. C. E. Lee.

FOOTBALL.

ANNUAL CHARITY MATCH.

The General Officer Commanding has kindly consented to kick-off in the annual charity football match between the Army and the Navy in aid of Naval and Military Charities which will take place on the Army ground at Sookunpoo on New Year's Day.

BOXING.

ANOTHER CHAMPION COMING.

Stoker George Booth, who was middle-weight champion of the Royal Navy in China in 1924, is returning to the Colony on H.M.S. *Hallghek* at the end of January. He desires to be matched under the auspices of the H.K.B.A. as soon as possible after his arrival.

THE NEW YEAR. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WEEK- END HOLIDAY.

Today is New Year's Eve and business houses of the Colony, both shops and offices, and also the various Government Departments, will be closing down this afternoon for another long week-end, resuming business on Monday.

Another comprehensive and varied holiday programme, as last week-end, has been arranged for the three days, and in it sport and dance will figure largely.

To-night there are two New Year Eve dances. At the Repulse Bay Hotel there will be the usual New Year's Eve Carnival, for which evening or fancy dress is optional. This is certain to be a huge success as the table reservations for the function were closed before Christmas. In view of this a special dinner dance has been arranged at the Hongkong Hotel from 8 p.m. to midnight. The latest "fox-trot" from the States, "No More Spinsterhood for Me" is to be played at both functions. Late motor coaches will leave for the Hongkong Hotel and the Peak Hotel from Repulse Bay Hotel at 1.14 a.m., and there will also be a late tram from the Peak at 1.30 a.m.

At the King Edward Hotel to-night there is to be a Carnival Dance similar to the one held on Christmas Eve and this will also prove a popular attraction to many.

There will also be the usual watch-night services at the Churches. At midnight, flashing of lamps on the wireless mast at the Observatory as well as the customary general explosion of Chinese crackers will signal farewell to the worn out year and welcome to the new year.

On New Year's Day there is a varied programme of sporting events. An interesting week-end golf programme will start at Fanling; the Kowloon Cricket Club holds its annual children's sports, at which the hand of the East Surrey Regiment, by kind permission of Lieut. Col. Montague Bates, C.M.G., D.S.O. and officers, will play; the Fanning Hounds will meet at Mr. Potts' bungalow at 3 p.m. for another paper chase, starting at 3.30 p.m. and there will also be three cricket matches. On the Hongkong Cricket Club ground, the Club meet the Navy in the third of the triangular fixtures, and this game will be continued on Saturday. At Pokfulam, the annual University "Past & Present" match will take place all day and on the Civil Service C.C. Ground the Indian R.C. will play against the home club. Also on New Year's Day the annual charity football match (proceeds for Naval and Military Charities), takes place between the Navy and the Army on the Sookun-poo ground at 4 p.m. The members of the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, set out on another climb of Tai Mo Shan as they did on Boxing Day, only by a different route.

On Saturday the sporting programme will be continued. There will be a full programme of League football, more cricket, golf at Fanling etc.

On Sunday there will be further golf at Fanling, a meet of the Fanning Hounds at Annandale, the Fanning residence, of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard, and the Junior Section of the Golf Club entertain the members of the Kowloon Golf Club at Happy Valley, to singles in the morning and foursomes in the afternoon.

THE NEGOTIATORS. LEAVE FOR CANTON.

Yesterday morning the eight responsible delegates of Hongkong Chinese merchants, accompanied by four secretaries, left Hongkong by the s.s. *Lung Shan* for Canton in order to obtain "instruction and guidance" from the Canton merchants. The names of the delegates were given in yesterday's *Daily Press*. The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall and Mr. Ho Kwong (Chairman of the Twenty-four Guilds), saw the delegation depart and many other influential Chinese merchants and members of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce were on the wharf to witness the departure of the *Lung Shan*. In Chinese business circles the departure of the delegates is regarded as the first definite step towards ending the strike.

THE FRATERNITY PARTY.

It was learned yesterday that the "Fraternity Party" which went to Canton last Saturday, would not return yesterday, as was previously announced, but will be returning to Hongkong after the New Year.

U.S. CONSULATE-GENERAL AT CANTON.

MR. DOUGLAS JENKINS PROMOTED.

The many friends of Mr. Douglas Jenkins, American Consul-General, of the Canton Consular District, will be pleased to know that he has received promotion in rank to Class 2. Americans in that district will also be gratified to know that the Canton Consular office is now in charge of an officer of the same rank as the Consul-General at Hongkong and Tientsin. The promotion is recognized as being well deserved, as during the trying times of the past year, Mr. Jenkins served his compatriots strenuously. It will be recalled that at the annual meeting of the American Association of South China a resolution of high appreciation of the services of Consul-General Jenkins was adopted and all his friends will wish him many years of active and helpful service.

LATE MR. H. H. TAYLER. FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY.

The funeral of the late Mr. H. H. Tayler, took place at the Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday evening, and the large number of friends present and the floral tributes sent bore eloquent testimony to the popularity and esteem in which he was held.

The coffin was borne by six members of the staff of the Provident Loan Co.—Messrs. Stopani, E. Gutierrez, Gutierrez, E. Rocha and Borges. The Rev. Father Spada, Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong, conducted the burial service.

The principal mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. A. Fothergill (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. Jowett (sister), Mrs. Reitan (sister), and Mrs. J. R. Capell.

There were also present Messrs. I. W. Shewan and A. L. Shields, F. Kew, J. Wittell, W. Logan, A. R. Forbes, G. E. Faulkner, R. H. Skelton, and a very large number of Chinese friends including Messrs. Tong Hok Ting and Tsang Foo.

Floral tributes were sent by his sorrowing wife, Archie, Evelyn, Lance and Irene, Alice Percy and George, Mabel, Lorentz and Gus, Mr. and Mrs. Fothergill, Charlie and Emma, Ethel and Robert, Mr. Robert Shewan, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Murray and family, Mr. and Mrs. U. Gohella, Captain and Mrs. H. S. Hurley, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wittell, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Reed and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. da Silva, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. and Miss de Sousa, Captain and Mrs. E. H. Histed, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Nash, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford, Edgcombe, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Lammert, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bunio, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Lawson and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mackenzie, Mrs. N. S. Moses and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. C. Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lammert, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cooper Passmore, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Briston, Mr. and Mrs. Branch, Mr. and Mrs. H. Westlake, and Mr. H. F. Westlake, Mr. and Mrs. G. Rapp, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. E. Bullock, Captain and Mrs. T. R. Nicol, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stapleton, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gillard, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Donithorne, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kow, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gonzales, Mrs. J. R. and Miss Braga, Mrs. and Miss Hopwar, Mr. P. T. and Miss Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stainfield, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Tavares, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Borges, Miss Bond, Messrs. C. A. Goldenburg, W. G. FitzGibbon, R. C. Reed, A. L. Alves, T. G. Weall, D. McNeill, R. W. Lee Jones, I. L. Goldenburg, Dr. Irving W. Kent, Messrs. A. M. Thornhill, E. M. Raymons, G. E. Faulkner, R. H. Skelton, E. J. de Figueiredo, A. W. Eastman, J. H. Ramsay, W. Logan, N. B. Kitchell, R. L. Moncrieff, P. I. Newman, J. Scott Harston, W. Kaeley, John Gibson, A. and S. Hancock, D. H. Cameron, E. Abraham, Fred Ellis, E. D. Black, Richard Hancock, J. C. Saunders, U. L. A. Mohideen, Fred Kew, J. F. Grose, E. B. Reed, Baron Adolphe de Braun, Messrs. M. Nemaze, C. Strafford, E. B. Lambert, A. Nemaze, W. A. Stopani, W. E. Dickinson, A. L. Shields, D. M. Browning, J. C. Rodrigues, O. R. Benson, H. Jephson, Gustav Engel, L. C. Parker, Rees, Grahame T. Eveleigh, J. Joseph, Mademoiselle Homen de Carvalho, Miss B. Pereira, Mrs. J. E. Oxberry, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. R. Carroll and the Misses Smith, Miss C. Stoneham.

Messrs. Ho Lu, Ho Kwong, Ho Ki, Ho Sui Tong, Ho Leung, Choo Man Ping, Fung Tat Hang, Li Tse Fong, Tsang Foo, Tong Hok Ting, and many other Chinese friends.

The China Provident Loan Co., China Light and Power Co. (1918) Ltd., Staff Machinery Department Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., the Watchman Hongkong and Territorial Estates Ltd., Hongkong Rope Works Staff, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Lammert Brothers, Deacons, Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, Java-China-Japan-Lin, Holland-China Trading Co., China Mail, Moxon & Taylor, C. P. L. and M. Co. (Godown and Tally men), King Edward Hotel, Queen's College Old Boys' Association, Craigengower Cricket Club, Hongkong Cricket Club, Hongkong Football Club, Officers N.C.O.'s and men, Reserve Company, H.V.D.C., Sergeant's Mess, H.V.D.C.

KILLED BY A MOTOR BUS.

ACCIDENT ON THE LAI CHI KOK ROAD.

A fatal accident occurred on the Lai Chi Kok road on Tuesday. Two motor buses were travelling in opposite directions, one towards Lai Chi Kok and the other towards Yau Ma Tei, and as they were passing each other an unknown Chinese jumped out of the way of one bus, but could not evade the other. Apparently he had not noticed that it was approaching. He was knocked down and instantly killed.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE O.B.A. EXTENSION OF FINANCIAL YEAR.

An extraordinary general meeting of Queen's College Old Boys' Association was held in the College Hall yesterday evening. Mr. Geo. Grimble presided.

On the proposition of Mr. C. G. Anderson, seconded by the Chairman, it was unanimously agreed that the financial year of the Association should extend from 1st of January to 31st of December in each year and to amend rule 4 of the constitution accordingly.

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS.

The annual report and statement of accounts for the financial year ending 30th November, 1925, were submitted. The report stated that the total number of members, including 43 resident abroad, and 69 life members, was 735, against a total of 689 for the previous year. The death of several members, amongst whom was Mr. C. H. Lyson was recorded with regret. Reference was made to the retirement of Mr. Bertram Tanner as headmaster of the college, and a welcome was extended to his successor Mr. A. H. Crook.

The finance of the Association was on the whole satisfactory, the general account showing a total of \$7,344.72. Out of this provision had been made for the endowment of the Ng In and Tsang Chung scholarships, each of the value of \$50; to be awarded annually in Classes VII. and VIII., the first award to be made at the prize distribution in 1926.

In moving the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, the CHAIRMAN said that it was satisfactory to note the increase in membership, but he was sorry to see that a lot of members had not paid their subscriptions. The treasurer would, however, go more fully into the matter next year, and he understood that any members who did not pay his subscription was to be struck out of the list.

LATE MR. HARRY TAYLER.

Continuing, the CHAIRMAN said that they all regretted to hear of the death of Mr. Harry Tayler, another old pupil of the school. He was sure that they would all have wished to have attended his funeral that evening, but could not do so, owing to their being at the meeting.

Mr. A. P. SARY seconded the motion for the adoption of the report and the statement of accounts and it was passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICIALS.

The following were elected officials for the coming year:

President, Mr. Geo. Grimble; Vice-Presidents, Mr. A. H. Crook and Mr. Lee Hy San; Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. G. Anderson; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Lai Im To.

General Committee.—Messrs. C. G. Anderson, C. Chon, Chow Ping Un, S. M. Churn, J. F. Grose, Ho Kwong, Ho Leung, H. K. Hung, W. Kay, Lai Im To, Lo Man Hin, Lo Tung Fan, The Senior Prefect, Messrs. Ip Kam Kwong, Tse Ching Fong, A. P. Sary.

Mr. F. P. Grose proposed and Mr. Chow Ping Un seconded, that the names of Mr. B. Tanner and Mr. R. E. O. Bird be placed on the list of honorary members.

Thanks to the Chairman for having presided and for treating the members to tea was proposed by Mr. SARY and unanimously accorded.

EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A. ACTIVITY. COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Many varied and interesting events are forehadowed to take place at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, recently opened.

The five sectional committees of the Y.M.C.A. have just been constituted and they will all be meeting on various evenings next week to draw up programmes, and by the following week activities, both inside and outside the Y.M.C.A. will get into full swing.

There will be outdoor attractions such as cricket, football, tennis, net-ball, hockey, rambles with the Camera Club and walking tours and climbs in the interesting and picturesque New Territory districts; while in the summer, swimming, picnics and other pastimes will be organized. Indoors, there will be billiards and other games, a reading-room, writing room, a good library with an interesting and attractive collection of books, debating classes and study circles.

In all the European Y.M.C.A. offers a wide appeal to both resident members, associate members and visitors, providing as it does at a very moderate cost something for all, no matter what their taste. It combines everything that it would take a number of separate clubs to cater for.

This week-end another large number of members are anticipating the climb of Tai Mo Shan by a different route to that taken last Saturday.

The sub-committees to be responsible for the various sections of the social and sporting side of the Y.M.C.A. are as under:

Social.—Messrs. H. J. Fountain, W. L. Pattenden, J. C. Long and V. M. Hast. Sports.—Messrs. J. C. Smith, C. C. Hickling, A. McKay and J. G. Gibson. Camera Club.—Messrs. W. Baxter, L. A. Dangerfield, R. J. B. Clark and R. W. Barnett.

Library.—Mr. S. O. Gregory, Mr. Justice Wood, Rev. G. Arrowood, Mr. H. G. Swinburne and Mr. A. S. I. Counselling.—Dr. G. W. Hollings, Messrs. T. Wallace, J. H. Johnston and T. V. Harman.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

[BEFORE SIR HENRY GOLLAN, CHIEF JUSTICE.]

THE MURDER TRIAL.

The murder trial was continued yesterday.

The Attorney-General continued his cross-examination of the prisoner. He was closely questioned relative to his statement that Li Tai's husband had given him money to kill the constable. Prisoner said that he was bewildered and when he made the statement he was very angry.

The Attorney-General: You made the statement this day after your arrest?—Yes, and when I showed the seals on my arm to the officers there, they cried—(laughter).

NO GEOMANCER.

Further questioned, he said that he did say something about *fung shui*, and that day he had the plan of a grave in his pocket and showed it to the inspector. He was well acquainted with this kind of work, and when friends asked him to do it he did it. He was no geomancer, but that part of the work was usually done by a friend of his who was a teacher. He also would ascertain the direction of the graves.

Being handed a compass which was used for the work, prisoner said he did not understand how to use it. Replying to further questions, he said that he was employed nearly three months at this particular time on *fung shui*.

The Attorney-General: Have you often been away making *fung shui*?—Yes. The year before last I went up to Tam Shui for about three months. The other period were shorter.

You must have made a lot of money in this, since you were so much in demand?—I work for friends only.

Replying to further questions, prisoner said that his family knew where he had gone in July. He was asked at the Magistracy if he wished to question the witnesses, and on one occasion he did say that when he had made a statement previously he was confused. He agreed that when Li Tai had given evidence he said that she had held the office of *li shan* in a triad society.

His Lordship: Are they illegal here? The Attorney-General replied affirmatively.

Prisoner also agreed that he had said that Li Tai had tried to get members of his family to join the society.

Re-examined by Mr. Zeitlyn, he said that he had made no arrangement for paying off the mortgage, but his third brother intended to try and redeem it. His sons did not take the fish to Kwei Kee when he was in Kowloon. He personally received the receipts which had been produced.

FISHMONGER'S EVIDENCE.

Cheung Foo, the owner of the Kwei Kee fish shop, Kowloon City, said that whenever fish was bought it was entered in a book. He had known prisoner for over ten years and had often bought fish from him. He produced his account book and said that he had bought fish from prisoner on June 29th and 30th; July 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th. On each occasion prisoner brought the fish and he was given a receipt.

Li Wan San, who described himself as a Chinese doctor and an elder of Wong Kwong Tau village, said that he had known prisoner for two or three years. On June 10th he went to Ping Shek and asked him to come to Wong Kwong Tau to make graves. He went there to see the sites, but stated that he had to return home for the fifth day festival and would come back on July 10th. When he did not come a letter was sent to him. This letter was written on his instructions by his nephew, and prisoner arrived in Wong Kwong Tau on July 14th. He identified the writing on the envelope (produced) as that of his nephew. Prisoner began work on July 17th. He made two graves near the village and finished these on August 8th. He was then asked to go to Sun Wan Chai. He remained with him for two nights in order to give him instructions. He remembered prisoner's wife and Li Tai visiting the village one day, stating that they desired to see him concerning the sale of his property. Prisoner was away working and they returned without seeing him. Later his wife and eldest son came and prisoner went away with them. He had never heard it said that prisoner had broken the law of the Hongkong Government and feared to return to his village.

Mr. Zeitlyn: How is it that you are now in Hongkong?—On December 5th, I went to prisoner's native village intending to ask him to come to Wong Kwong Tau to make another grave, when I learnt that he was arrested. That was the first time I had heard that he had broken the law of the Government.

The Attorney-General (in cross-examination): The times which you have given differ from those given by prisoner? Witness said that he had not set down the dates in a book, and he had depended solely on his memory.

Replying to further questions witness said that he was an expert at *fung shui*, and he was also qualified to supervise the making of graves. He gave prisoner instructions about the style of the graves, how to lay the cement, and make drains. He (witness) was an expert in geomancy and could read the compass. Sometimes he was paid \$200 for choosing a grave site, and if the persons were poor, they paid him between \$50 and \$60.

At this stage the hearing was adjourned till to-day.

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By Order, THE KAILAN MINING ADMINISTRATION, P. C. YOUNG, General Manager.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in conformity with the conditions endorsed upon the Debentures, the undermentioned Numbers of Debentures of the total value of \$24,000 were drawn on the Fourth day of November, 1925, at the Offices of the Company, No. 92, Austin Friars, in the City of London, in the presence of WALTER FITZMAURICE TUCKER, one of the Directors, ALFRED W. BERRY, Secretary of the Company, and JOHN WILLIAM PETER JAUERLE, of 7/8, Great Winchester Street, London, E.C., Notary Public.

The said Debentures will be paid off at Par on the 31st DECEMBER, 1925, at either of the following places:— In London, at the Transfer Office of the Company, No. 3, London Wall Buildings, E.C. 4.

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The drawn Debentures, with Coupons Nos. 28 to 40 attached, must be left four clear days for examination.

By Order, ALFRED W. BERRY, Secretary. J. W. P. JAURALDE, Notary Public.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES, 1911.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HONG KONG CIGAR STORE CO., LIMITED.

EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION PASSED 24th DECEMBER, 1925.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONGKONG CIGAR STORE COMPANY, LIMITED.

only convened and held at the Office of the Company, 19, Queen's Road Central, on THURSDAY, the 24th DECEMBER, 1925, the Subjoined Extraordinary Resolutions were duly passed:—

a.—That it has been proved to the satisfaction of this Meeting that the Company cannot, by reason of its liabilities, continue its business, and that it is advisable to Wind up the same, and accordingly, that the Company be wound up voluntarily.

b.—That Mr. H. R. CLELAND, C.A., of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, be and is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purposes of such Winding-up.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in pursuance of Section 181 of the Companies Ordinance, 1911, A MEETING OF THE CREDITORS OF THE HONGKONG CIGAR STORE COMPANY, LIMITED (in Liquidation), will be held within the Office of Messrs. LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS, Chartered Bank Buildings, 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF JANUARY, 1926, at 12 O'CLOCK NOON.

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BANK HOLIDAYS.

UNDER Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, The EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the purpose of PUBLIC BUSINESS on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 1st and 2nd JANUARY, 1926. Hongkong, 28th December, 1925. [3011]

TABLE RESERVATIONS FOR THE CARNIVAL.

TO BE HELD AT THE REPULSE BAY HOTEL ON NEW YEAR'S EVE ARE NOW CLOSED.

RESERVATIONS MAY NOW BE MADE FOR SPECIAL DINNER DANCE.

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By Order of the Directors, L. J. BLACKBURN, Engineer & Manager.

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY (1918), LIMITED.

WITH Reference to the Notice to the Shareholders of this Company dated 23rd October, 1925, whereby the Final Call of \$3.00 per share on the New Shares was made payable on 4th JANUARY, 1926, instead of 3rd NOVEMBER, 1925, the General Managers and Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to further extend the Time for Payment of this Call.

NOTICE IS ACCORDINGLY HEREBY GIVEN that the Date for Payment of the FINAL CALL is POSTPONED to 4th MARCH, 1926, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders and used as though the Date named therein were the 4th MARCH, 1926.

For THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918), LTD. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 29th December, 1925. [3015]

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME.

CABLES

LATEST CABLES.
(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

U.S. AND RUBBER.

HOW STEVENSON SCHEME KEPT PRICES UNDER CONTROL.

LONDON JOURNAL'S COMMENT.

LONDON, December 30th.

The *Daily Telegraph*, discussing the United States' attitude in regard to rubber prices, stresses that fact that it had not been for the Stevenson scheme, prices would have been incalculably higher to-day in consequence of reduced supplies, which would have ensued as the result of non-cultivation.

THE WIESBADEN ZONE.

BRITISH TAKE OVER FROM FRENCH.

WIESBADEN, December 30th.

The official exchange of authority from French to British in the Wiesbaden zone was made this morning, the only outward and visible sign being the lowering of the Tricolour and the hoisting of the Union Jack in its place. The event was marked by a simple military ceremony in the Schlossplatz, where two companies of French infantry, two squadrons of chasseurs and a detachment of 100 men from the 2nd Camerons, which is the only regiment hitherto transferred to Wiesbaden from Cologne, paraded and the guard was changed. The Tricolour was lowered to the strains of the Marseillaise and the Union Jack hoisted to the playing of the British National Anthem. A march-past concluded the ceremony.

SWEDISH ROYALTY.

CROWN PRINCE AND PRINCESS MAY VISIT EAST.

STOCKHOLM, December 30th. It is rumored that the American trip, planned for the Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden, may be extended to Japan and China. So far, however, no definite decision has been reached.

THE FRENCH FRANC.

NOTABLE RECOVERY ON LONDON MARKET.

LONDON, December 30th. The settlement of the French Government's financial proposals has resulted in a notable recovery of the French franc in London, this morning, to 127.

BRIAND AND CANNING.

PARIS, December 30th. According to the newspapers, M. Briand is informing M. Canning that it is impossible to have any relations with him (M. Canning).

EARLIER CABLES.

BRITAIN AND ITALY.

IMPORTANT MEETING HELD AT RAPALLO.

RAPALLO, December 29th. Importance is attached to a meeting between Sir Austin Chamberlain, who is spending a holiday here, and Signor Mussolini, who broke his journey to Rome. Sir Austin Chamberlain gave a dinner in honour of the Premier, with whom he is believed to have discussed international events.

LATEST CABLES.

CONVERSATIONS CORDIAL.

ROME, December 30th.

Beyond the broad statement that the conversations were cordial and proved the possibility of effectually pursuing the collaboration at present existing between the two countries with a view to harmonizing the various interests for the consolidation of peace in Europe, little light is thrown on the Rapallo conversations by the official communiqué. It is believed that the imminent negotiations in London for the settlement of Italy's debt to Britain were one of the chief topics discussed.

EARLIER CABLES.

INDIAN LEADERS.

APPEAL MADE FOR BETTER ADMINISTRATION.

Cawnpore, December 29th. An appeal to the Indian chiefs to respond to the spirit of the times and justify their title of natural leaders of the Indian people, by introducing reforms, such as the institution of popular assemblies, thereby proving that hereditary rulership "possessed all the advantages of complete democracy without its evils," was made by Shantkar Lal Kaul, presiding at the third session of the Native States Subjects Conference. He urged all the native princes to begin a system of budgeting, to restrict personal allowances to five per cent. of the State revenues, to prevent reckless waste of public funds, and to treat the State Treasury as a rate-purse. He declared that any ruler "aving like a 'little czar' would be sowing the seeds of Bolshevism."

NEW FRENCH BUDGET.

M. DOUMER IS AUTHORISED TO TABLE HIS PROPOSALS.

PARIS, December 29th.

The Ministerial Council has reached an agreement, and M. Doumer has been authorised to table his financial proposals in the Chamber.

M. Doumer estimates a deficit in the 1926 Budget of nine thousand million francs, including 2,500 million for amortisation of the public debt and two thousand million for repayment of the Bank of France's advances to the Treasury. M. Doumer proposes to meet the deficit by a special tax of one twentieth per cent. on all business payments, estimated to produce 3,800 million francs, by applying the increases of income tax voted on December 4th to the Budget instead of reabsorption of inflation, estimated to produce three thousand million francs, and by an increase of the tobacco duties, producing one thousand million francs.

TAX EVADERS.

M. Doumer also hopes to recover three hundred millions from tax evaders, to save two hundred millions out of Government expenditure, to obtain six hundred millions from a tax on exports, and one hundred millions from an increased tax on stock exchange operations.

NEW INDIRECT TAXES.

The new taxes proposed by M. Doumer are indirect taxes. The radical members of the Cabinet are opposed to an increase in indirect taxation, on the ground that it bears unfairly upon the poor. M. Doumer holds the opinion that three milliards of M. Loucheur's taxes, which he is incorporating in the 1926 Budget, will form the high-water mark of direct taxation, and direct taxes cannot be collected quickly, whereas the money is needed immediately. The tax on payments, whereby M. Doumer proposes to obtain nearly fifty per cent. of his estimated Budget deficit of nine milliards, appears to be simply a disguised tax on business turnover, which was opposed by a Radical, who however agreed to the tax in order to avoid a Cabinet split on the eve of the Parliamentary session. M. Doumer in exchange promised to introduce a Bill for the reform of direct taxes in conformity with democratic principles, thus meeting the Radical demand for widening the income tax.

NEW RADIO STATION.

WORLD'S BIGGEST TO OPEN NEAR RUGBY.

LONDON, December 29th.

The world's biggest radio station has been erected at the Post Office at Hill Morton, near Rugby, and will be open for traffic on Friday. It will work on a wave-length of 18,000 metres, and the range is such that a full circumference of the globe is well within its limits. The station cost £200,000 and covers 600 acres. There are twelve masts, each 820 feet high, and an electric lift to accommodate three men runs up the inside of each. Test transmissions carried out during the past two months to all parts of the world have been most satisfactory.

COMMUNIST CONGRESS.

MERCELESS OPPOSITION TO PRIVATE CAPITAL.

MOSCOW, December 29th.

The Congress of the Russian Communist Party has passed a resolution urging a continuation of the fight against the Right in an ultra-left endeavour to create unity in the international Labour movement.

The vote was taken after M. Zinovieff had read a report favouring merciless opposition to private capital. M. Zinovieff's report was the outcome of a five-hour speech by M. Stalin last week on the work of the Executive Committee which aroused opposition and culminated in a demand that Zinovieff, the Chairman of the Executive himself, should make a report.

COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA.

INSULTING LEAFLET TO BRITISH ARMY.

LONDON, December 29th.

The Army Council has circulated all Officers Commanding both at Home and abroad attaching a copy of a Communist leaflet distributed to troops throughout Britain, which it characterises as an insult to the moral character, loyalty and intelligence of the Army. It requests that the letter be communicated to all troops.

OCCUPATION OF RHINE.

NEW PLAN OF EVACUATION IS REACHED.

BERLIN, December 29th.

The British will officially take over Wiesbaden from the French to-morrow. According to the newspapers the Anglo-French authorities have evolved a plan of evacuation under which only two French Army Corps will remain on the Rhine after April.

MR. COBHAM'S PROGRESS.

CAIRO, December 29th.

Mr. Alan Cobham, who is on a flight from London to the Cape, has arrived at Malakal. [Malakal is in the southern Anglo-Egyptian Soudan, near to the border of Abyssinia.]

CRICKET AT ADELAIDE.

TWO HIGH SCORES MADE BY A. RICHARDSON.

ADELAIDE, December 29th.

The match between South Australia and New Zealand, played here, was drawn. The scores were: South Australia, 331 and 293 for five wickets (declared). New Zealand, 339 and 192 for seven wickets.

In South Australia's first innings, A. Richardson made 77, and Alexander (an eighteen-year-old University player) 130. In South Australia's second knock, A. Richardson was again a big contributor, making 104.

For New Zealand, Lowry made 123. A. Richardson was successful in the bowling, taking four wickets for 41 runs.

LATEST CABLES.

NO TRADE REPRISALS.

MR. HOOVER ON ATTITUDE OF U.S. GOVERNMENT.

NEW YORK, December 30th.

The *Evening Post*, in a dispatch from Washington, states that Mr. Herbert Hoover has declared that the administration will not sanction measures in any way savouring of trade reprisals against nations now accused of extorting excessive prices for raw materials—notably rubber and coffee.

MEXICO'S EXTERNAL DEBT.

SENATE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES AGREEMENT FOR SETTLEMENT.

MEXICO CITY, December 30th.

The Senate has unanimously approved the agreement for settling Mexico's external debt.

[A New York message, dated November 18th, stated that the President and Cabinet have ratified the agreement between Mexico and the international committee of bankers, headed by Mr. Lamont, for the resumption of payment, on January 1st, 1926, of Mexico's external debt of \$500,000,000. Under the Agreement, the National Railways will be returned to private ownership.]

EARLIER CABLES.

DISARMAMENT COMMISSION.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE FAVOURS AMERICAN PARTICIPATION.

WASHINGTON, December 29th.

President Coolidge's conversations with various Congressmen have shown a practically unanimous favourable attitude towards American participation at Geneva in a preparatory Commission on disarmament. No objections were made in voting the necessary appropriations for the three experts invited to become the American delegates.

"THE UNFORTUNATE PEOPLE."

SOLICITOR'S PLEA IN OPIUM CASE.

A Chinese woman was fined \$10,000 or 9 months' imprisonment by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday for being in possession of 100 taels of opium.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of the Imports and Exports Department, prosecuted, and Mr. C. A. E. Russ defended. The prosecution's story was that the defendant's residence at No. 82, Lower Lascar Road, was searched and the opium was found under a loose tile in the "cook house." Defendant had stated that she was receiving 20 cents per tael for storing it for a seaman, but she had failed to produce him.

Defendant, giving evidence, said she had kept the package for a man, but did not know that it contained opium. Mr. Russ contended that it was the opinion that defendant did not own the opium. "That is the more unfortunate people get added, and the prime movers get away."

Mr. Worship said he believed the defendant was not the principal, but imposed on her the penalty stated above.

TOBACCO CONFISCATED.

EFFORT TO EVADE PAYMENT OF DUTY.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of the Imports and Exports Department, applied at the Central Magistracy yesterday for an order for the confiscation of fifty-seven bales of raw tobacco valued at \$2,000 which had been dumped at Yaumati Breakwater, so as to avoid payment of duty.

Mr. Lloyd stated that this tobacco had apparently been brought down by junk, and information had been received that an opium dealer had been made to sell the tobacco in Hongkong without paying duty. A man who described himself as a travelling trader later stated that he had authority from another person to sell the tobacco, and he had been told that he would have to attend court and make an application. This man did not appear.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell, the Magistrate, granted the order.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

WARFARE IN THE NORTH.

MURDER SITUATION NOT QUITE SATISFACTORY.

HEARTENING OVER AWARDS.

PEKING, December 30th.

Despite the defeat of Kuo Sung-Lin, the situation at Mukden is stated to be not entirely satisfactory. It appears that there has been some heartening over the handing over of rewards to the successful troops; and Chang Sueh Liang is still being criticised for his misplaced confidence in Kuo Sung-Lin.

On Sunday, Chang Tso Lin called together his principal military advisers and members of the Provisional Assembly and again declared his intention to resign.

Owing, however, to general opposition, he again changed his mind. From a reliable Foreign source, it is learned that Kian Chao Hsi (ex-Governor of Jehol), who stood aloof during the recent hostilities, has revolted. At present he is north of Tiehling with 6,000 troops.

RUSSIANS IN RANKS?

TSINGTAO, December 28th.

An official despatch from Tsingtao declares that "Szechwan" troops have effected a junction with Li Ching Lin's forces. The former captured on Kuomintang prisoners a large number of rifles bearing the initials "U.S.S.R. 1925," and hundreds of Russians were seen in the Kuomintang Divisions.

GENERAL LI CHING LIN.

PEKING, December 29th.

A consular telegram states that Li Ching Lin and party arrived at Tsingtao on Monday morning and left for Tsinanfu immediately. Chang Tsun Chang has recalled Pi Shou Chen to Tsinan from Tsingtao, and it is expected that a conference will be held there to determine the future attitude vis-à-vis the Kuomintang. It is stated that rolling stock is being concentrated at Tsinan in case of emergency.

"LITTLE" HSU MURDERED.

FORMER ANFU ARMY LEADER SLAIN AT LANGFANG.

A FATHER'S DEATH AVENGED.

PEKING, December 30th.

General Hsu Shu Tseng, better known as "Little" Hsu, was murdered after leaving here last night.

General Hsu, who was a very ardent supporter of Tuan Chi Jui, after reporting to the latter regarding his recent mission, left Peking last evening, with the object of seeing Sun Chuan Fang and other militarists.

According to railway police reports, Lu Cheng Wu, son of the late General Lu Chien Chang whom Hsu Shu Tseng invited to a banquet in Tientsin in 1918, and shot with his own revolver, threw a bomb when the train reached Langfang, killing Hsu and several members of his Staff. Lu Cheng Wu is issuing a circular telegram stating his motive was revenge for his father's death. Lu Cheng Wu is a cousin of Feng Yu Hsiang (the Christian General).

A VARIED CAREER.

The late Hsu Shu Tseng was a native of Kiangsu. After acting as private secretary to Marshal Tuan Chi Jui, he spent some time in Japan studying military science.

On his return to China, he became Chief Secretary of the Cabinet, but resigned in 1916. During the armed struggle between the Chihli military leaders and the Anfu Club in the late Summer and Autumn of 1920, General Hsu was in command of the North-West Frontier Army (Anfu) and after the defeat of the Anfu forces, he took refuge in the Japanese Legation in Peking. On November 18th, 1920, the Japanese Minister notified the Chinese Government that Hsu had mysteriously disappeared; and it was heard of him until October, 1922, when he was implicated in the revolution against the Tuchen of Fukien and a mandate was issued for his arrest.

In 1923 he came under suspicion of an attempt to start a war in the vicinity of the International Settlement, Shanghai. He was arrested by the police of the Settlement and deported. The Hongkong Government refused to allow him to land here, and he continued the voyage to Europe. During this visit, he was appointed a Social Industrial Envoy by the present Government in Peking. He had only recently returned from his trip abroad.

CHINA AND GERMANY.

BERLIN AND WASHINGTON AGREEMENT.

ENDORSEMENT NOW PROBABLE.

BERLIN, December 29th.

Subject to ratification by the Reichstag, the German Government has endorsed the Washington Agreement of February 6th, 1922, concerning the principles of policy to be followed in Chinese affairs.

PEKING POLITICS.

MANDATE APPOINTING NEW PREMIER.

PEKING, December 30th.

A mandate dated the 28th inst. appoints Hsu Shih Ying as Premier.

Another mandate revises the regulations of the Provisional Government and says that henceforth the Cabinet shall be responsible and shall devise and carry out any reforms in accordance with the wishes of the people. Tuan Chi Jui will have no predilection or prejudice in any measure that works for the salvation of the country and the consolidation of the Republican régime.

BANDITS AT POCHOW.

INVADERS LEAVE CITY WITHOUT HARMING FOREIGNERS.

KAIFENG, December 30th.

A telegram from Pochow, dated December 27th, reports that the bandits have evacuated the city. All foreigners, mentioned in the cable of December 17th, have been released without coming to any harm.

[A message from Kaifeng on December 17th read: Despatches from Missionaries at Pochow report that the city has been controlled by bandits since December 10th. Two American ladies, Doctor King and Miss Barratt, are shut inside the city, but so far have not been molested. Wounded are so numerous that Red Cross assistance is urgently sought. Four other American Missionaries are in the North suburb, which was badly looted, but missionary property is safe. Brigadier Kuo, with Pengpu troops, now surrounds the city, which the bandits are trying to leave. It is assumed they are Honan bandits, who recently looted Chengchowfu.]

MR. WALTER SINCLAIR.

SUCCESS SCORED IN "TURANDOT."

The *Toronto Globe* describes the production of the Oriental play, "Turandot: Princess of China," by Mr. Walter Sinclair, formerly of Hongkong, at the Hart House Theatre, Toronto, of which he is a Director, as probably the most elaborate and resplendent performance ever staged in that theatre. The audience was held spellbound.

Mention is made in detail of the wonderful spectacular effects produced and the Oriental atmosphere created. The *Globe* says: "Mr. Sinclair showed himself a true master of modern stagecraft in putting on this complicated spectacle with such thorough artistic excellence and emerges for the first time as a real master of his medium."

In the report of the performance, mention is made of another former Hongkong man, Mr. Norman Peterkin, who specially wrote the music for the play.

EMPIRE NAVAL POLICY.

EXAMPLE OF MALAYA AND HONGKONG.

In an article to the forthcoming issue of "Brassie's Naval and Shipping Annual," Admiral of the Fleet Earl Jellicoe outlines the naval policy of the Empire, and points out the need for co-operation between the Mother Country and the Dominions. Urging that the latter should shoulder more of the burden of labour in default, for failing to observe the rule of the road.

A junk master was fined \$5, with the alternative of five days' hard labour, for anchoring in the Southern Highway and thereby causing an obstruction.

For the first time in the Police Court history of Hongkong, a man was fined yesterday for having a secret compartment on a junk. The man appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at Kowloon, and was charged with being in unlawful possession of 2,600 detonators and a number of safety fuses, and also with having a secret compartment on his junk. On the first charge, he was fined \$50, and on the second \$25.

Four more astronomers, on their way to Sumatra to view the total eclipse of the sun which is to take place on January 10th, 1926, arrived at Singapore recently, and left for Sumatra. Dr. H. T. Sisson, of Harvard University Observatory, leads the party and Dr. W. W. Coblentz of the Bureau of Standards of San Francisco, Mr. Weld Arnold and Mr. W. A. Spurr are his assistants. They are taking with them several typesetting apparatus for photographing, comparing, measuring, etc. This is the second party of astronomers from America to pass through Singapore recently on their way to Sumatra to view the eclipse, in addition to two parties from England.

BORDER INCIDENT.

WOMEN ROBBED AND ROBBER SHOT.

Another incident on the border has come to light through a report concerning the occurrence received at Police Headquarters yesterday.

It appears that four Chinese crossed the frontier into British territory near Lim Ma Hang, which is situated between Takuling and Shataukok, on Monday. Their evident intention was to intimidate the villagers and loot the houses.

They met two Chinese women on their way from Lim Kang to Taipo Market and after holding them up and threatening them, robbed them of \$20 each. Members of the self-defence corps of scouts, which the village of Lim Ma Hang has organised for its protection, heard of the robbery and surrounded the invaders, who were called upon to surrender. They refused to do this and attempted to escape. One of their number was captured by the scouts, who proceeded to take him to Shataukok police station, but before they reached there, the man made a bid for liberty and broke from their custody. As he was attempting to escape, he was fired at by the scouts and killed.

Two other members of the gang were also arrested and detained. The fourth man apparently got away.

MISHAP TO THE "CITY OF BARODA."

STRIKES A REEF.

A report from the master of the a.s. *Coak Saig* at the Harbour Office yesterday stated that a wireless message was received on the *Coak Saig* on December 25th from the *City of Baroda* to the effect that she was ashore on a reef at North Lucania, two fathoms patch off the Horse Breakers.

A later message received the same day by the *Coak Saig* stated that the a.s. *City of Lincoln* was proceeding to the *Baroda's* assistance and that the assistance of the *Coak Saig* was not required.

A still later message on the same day from the *City of Baroda* to the *City of Lincoln*, via the *Coak Saig*, intimated that the *City of Baroda* had been floated off the reef and was proceeding to Singapore at half-speed and did not require assistance.

The *City of Baroda*, which is owned by the Bank Line, left Hongkong recently with a number of Army officers and their families on board.

LAUNCH SOLD.

"WING FAT" GOES CHEAPLY.

At Messrs. Lammer's sales room yesterday afternoon the steam launch *Wing Fat* was sold by order of the mortgagee. The launch, which is about 71 feet in length, about 13 feet in breadth and about 10 feet in depth, has been lying with her appurtenances and gear off the Sam Yick godown wharf, Mongkok, for some time, and yesterday was disposed of very cheaply, bidding being very slack.

Bidding started at \$2,500, and this was advanced by three slow bids of \$100 each to \$2,800, at which figure the *Wing Fat* was knocked down to Mr. Leung Ping.

MARINE COURT.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before Lieut.-Commander G. E. Hole, R.N., the following cases were dealt with:

The master of the motor-boat *Africa* was fined \$15, with the alternative of two weeks' hard labour, for failing to exhibit regulation lights while under way.

The master of the steam launch *Wing Fat* was fined \$5, or five days' hard labour in default, for failing to observe the rule of the road.

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CHINA'S "PRESENT DEMANDS AT TARIFF CONFERENCE.

REVISION OF CUSTOMS SCHEDULE PENDING RECOVERY
OF AUTONOMY.

EXPORT AND COAST TRADE DUES.

TAXING OF FOREIGNERS RESIDENT IN CHINA.

DECEMBER 10th, 1925.

The following communication has been issued to the Press:

The 5th Meeting of Committee II (on Provisional Measures) was held at Chu Jen Tang on Thursday, December 10th, 1925, at 10 a.m. Dr. C. T. Wang was in the Chair and all the members were present.

Admiral Tsai Ting Kan, on behalf of the Chinese Delegation, presented the proposal of the Chinese Delegation concerning the revision of the Customs Tariff schedule and made the following introductory remarks regarding the Valuation of Commodities.

ADMIRAL TSAI'S ADDRESS.

In order to determine the tariff rates it is necessary to investigate the prices of commodities beforehand. In the past, because the Chinese tariff was the result of an international agreement, whenever the Governments of China and the interested Powers appointed representatives to revise the tariff, the valuation of commodities was also the result of an international agreement. At the Washington Conference the Chinese Government suggested that the right of independent investigation into the prices of commodities be restored to it, and that the principle of automatic revision be applied, so as to obviate delays whenever the tariff required revision. Accordingly, the Nine-Power Treaty relating to the Chinese Customs Tariff provides that the Special Conference on the Chinese Customs shall prescribe rules by which further tariff revisions are to be effected. Inasmuch as the present Conference has unanimously recognized China's right of tariff autonomy, and provided that it will be restored from January 1st, 1929, it goes without saying that from that date the valuation of commodities shall be done according to the laws to be promulgated by the Chinese Government. The Chinese Government, however, will, for the purpose of the interim period and in harmony with the spirit of the Washington Conference, lay before the present Conference the draft regulations relating to the revision of its tariff—that is, procedure in regard to the valuation of commodities—and request the representatives of the Powers interested to give their careful consideration in pursuance of their expressed intentions to assist China and consummate the work of the Washington Conference.

REVISION OF CUSTOMS TARIFF. CHINESE PROPOSALS PENDING RECOVERY OF AUTONOMY.

1. Whereas Article IV of the Nine-Power Treaty concerning the Chinese Customs Tariff, signed at the Washington Conference, provides for the revision of the tariff schedule as follows:

"Following the immediate revision of the customs schedule of duties on imports into China, mentioned in Article I, there shall be a further revision thereof to take effect at the expiration of four years following the completion of the aforesaid immediate revision, in order to ensure that the customs duties shall correspond to the *ad valorem* rates fixed by the Special Conference provided for in Article II."

Following this further revision there shall be, for the same purpose, periodical revisions of the customs schedule of duties on imports into China every seven years, in lieu of the decennial revision authorized by existing treaties with China.

In order to prevent further delay, any revision made in pursuance of this article shall be effected in accordance with rules to be prescribed by the Special Conference provided for in Article II."

2. Whereas, owing to delays attending the preceding revisions as a result of various circumstances—such as procrastination in the convocation of the tariff revision commissions, suspension of the proceedings during the commission sessions, delay in the enforcement of the revised schedules agreed upon, etc., the aforesaid Nine-Power Treaty stressed the point "in order to prevent further delay," so that the Special Conference, in prescribing the rules provided in Article IV of the Washington Treaty, should remove the causes for such delays so as to carry out the original intention of the aforesaid Nine-Power Treaty.

3. Whereas the Chinese Government has paid special attention to the periodic investigation into the prices of commodities, which constitutes the key to tariff revision, so that the information required shall be available at the appointed time of revision;

4. Whereas, in spite of three revisions, the duties collected have never attained an effective five per cent. basis, thus depriving China of her treaty right and causing her an enormous loss of revenue, so that even during the interim period China must be given an opportunity to revise her tariff independently in order to maintain an *ad valorem* tariff successfully.

FIRST REVISION IN 1920.

5. The Chinese Delegation, therefore, has the honour to propose that the following draft of rules be discussed and agreed to by the Representatives of the Powers, inasmuch as the Special Conference is in session and it is incumbent upon the said Conference, in pursuance of the

Treaty relating to the Chinese Customs Tariff, to prescribe rules for the revision of the tariff as an interim measure pending China's exercise of her right of tariff autonomy.

A. Pending the exercise of the right of tariff autonomy, the tariff schedules shall during the interim period be revised at the expiration of four years (1929) following the last revision in 1925, such revision to be based upon the average wholesale market prices of the most recent year as ascertained by the Chinese Government. In computing the basic price for duties on imports, the market price shall be considered as higher than the duty-paying value by the amount of the duty on the goods and seven per cent. of the duty-paying value of the goods. If necessary, the Chinese Government may use the price index numbers of imported goods for reference.

B. Seven months before the expiry of the import tariff schedule at present in force, the Chinese Government shall communicate the draft to the new import tariff schedule to the various legations of the powers participating in the present Conference. If any Power cannot agree to any part of the draft tariff schedule, it may, within four months, present its views for revision, to be decided within one month by the Tariff Commission constituted by the Chinese Government. This draft tariff is then to be promulgated and to come into force two months thereafter.

TO MEET ALTERED VALUES.

C. If, after the promulgation of the revised schedule and during the period of its operation, the market price of any commodity which is imported in large quantities exceeds, owing to special circumstances, the market price adopted at the time of revision by 20 per cent. or more, the Chinese Government shall levy a "price-adjusting surtax" in order that the duty paid on such commodity shall conform strictly to the *ad valorem* tariff as provided in the agreement for the interim period. If the importers are unwilling to pay this surtax, they may pay instead an *ad valorem* duty on the commodity.

D. If the market price of the commodity which is imported in large quantities falls below the price adopted at the time of revision of the extent of 20 per cent. or more, so that the actual rate is higher than the rate provided for in the agreement for the interim period, the importer may, upon producing authentic proof, pay an *ad valorem* duty instead.

E. The foregoing rules shall be adopted as a provisional measure for the interim period pending the exercise of the right of tariff autonomy. They shall remain in force for a period of two years. Beginning from the third year when the Chinese national tariff shall come into force, the foregoing rules and the treaty stipulation in regard to periodical revision shall become null and void. Thereafter the Chinese Government shall independently adopt the measures concerning the revision of the tariff schedule in accordance with the procedure in the present national tariff law as well as those that may be promulgated in the future.

After some discussion it was decided to postpone consideration of the question to a later meeting in order to enable the experts to examine the proposal.

Dr. Wang, on behalf of the Chinese Delegation, read the accompanying two delegations and thereafter the Committee adjourned at 11.15 subject to the call of the Chair.

DECLARATION OF CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

REGARDING LEVYING OF DUTIES AND TAXES ON FOREIGNERS RESIDING IN CHINA.

The right of levying duties and taxes is inherent to the right of administration of a state. In a state which is entirely sovereign without restriction whatsoever, and therefore its right of levying duties and taxes is also subject to no limitation.

As far as China is concerned, ever since she entered into trade relations with foreign countries, in no treaty of any sort is there to be found any provision which concedes to foreigners living in or outside the Settlements in China an exemption from taxation. But, in recent years, when China commenced to enforce her revenue laws, foreigners declined to perform their obligations on the pretext that they resided in the Settlement areas and therefore their right of levying duties and taxes is also subject to no limitation. As far as China is concerned, ever since she entered into trade relations with foreign countries, in no treaty of any sort is there to be found any provision which concedes to foreigners living in or outside the Settlements in China an exemption from taxation. But, in recent years, when China commenced to enforce her revenue laws, foreigners declined to perform their obligations on the pretext that they resided in the Settlement areas and therefore their right of levying duties and taxes is also subject to no limitation. As far as China is concerned, ever since she entered into trade relations with foreign countries, in no treaty of any sort is there to be found any provision which concedes to foreigners living in or outside the Settlements in China an exemption from taxation. But, in recent years, when China commenced to enforce her revenue laws, foreigners declined to perform their obligations on the pretext that they resided in the Settlement areas and therefore their right of levying duties and taxes is also subject to no limitation.

It is indeed inadmissible, in the enforcement of a fiscal regime, to make any discrimination either between citizens on account of their nationality or residence or between different parts of a territory subject to the jurisdiction of the same state. This would violate the principle, in international law, of equal treatment for the citizens of a state and run counter to the spirit of the Washington Conference which was designed to respect the territorial and administrative integrity of China. The Chinese Government, therefore, proposes that these impediments should be removed so that it may be enabled to exercise completely its right of taxation.

HISTORY OF THE QUESTION.

Let us examine the foreign settlements in China from the historical point of view. On April 9th, 1863, Earl Russell, then His Britannic Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, wrote to Sir Frederick Bruce, British Minister in Peking, as follows:

"The lands situated within the limits of the British Settlement are without doubt Chinese territory, and it cannot reasonably be held that the mere fact of a residence within these limits exempts Chinese subjects from fulfilling their natural obligation."

In the same year the foreign representatives in Peking met in conference and agreed to a number of principles for the reorganization of the foreign Settlement in Shanghai as follows:

"1. That whatever territorial authority is established shall be derived directly from the Imperial Government through our Ministers."

"2. That such shall not extend beyond simple municipal matters, roads, police and taxes for municipal objects."

The aforesaid two articles show that the Powers possessed over the Shanghai Settlement only an authority in purely municipal matters and are competent to levy taxes only for municipal purposes. It is, therefore, quite clear that the national taxes are to be paid without exception by the residents of the Settlements whether they be Chinese or foreign citizens. Moreover, the payment of a land tax in respect of all landed property possessed by foreigners in China proves sufficiently that foreigners and Chinese alike have to perform their fiscal duties towards the Chinese Government.

TAXES CHINESE EVADE.

In recent years, however, the Chinese Government has met with difficulties in the collection of such new taxes, as the stamp duties, the income tax, the wine and tobacco taxes, etc. The foreigners residing within or outside the Settlements have refused to pay on the plea that they had received no instructions from their governments, while the Chinese followed their example and pointed out that the payment of taxes should be general and uniform.

The financial difficulties at present confronting the Chinese Government are really due to the insufficiency of the old taxes to meet the requirements of the new regime. Therefore, as soon as the *likin* system is abolished, the Chinese Government will be compelled to devise new and reasonable taxes in substitution of the old. If, however, China should continue to be fettered by the existing restrictions, then she will never be able to find a satisfactory solution to the question of taxation.

Consequently, the Chinese Government declares that foreigners in China, whether residing within or outside the Settlements, or within the Railway Zones as well as other localities, shall discharge, equally with the Chinese, their fiscal obligations towards the Chinese Government, in conformity with the provisions of the fiscal laws promulgated by China. It is hoped that the Plenipotentiary Delegates of the Powers will appreciate the reasonableness of this declaration by the Chinese Government.

EXPORTS AND COAST DUES.

GOODS NOT GOING ABROAD. POSITION OF CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

The Coast Trade Duty in the Chinese Customs is the 2½ per cent. levy on native goods shipped from one port to another; inasmuch as native goods exported from the port of origin are the same as goods shipped to foreign countries, they pay the export duty of 5 per cent., and the coast trade duty of one-half the amount of the export duty whether specific or *ad valorem*.

It may be pointed out that for the past three years the revenue derived from the Coast Trade duty averaged H.K. \$1,400,000 a year. As the proceeds collected therefrom formed one of the sources of provincial revenue, the Chinese Government insisted on the incorporation in the treaties between China and Great Britain and between China and the United States of America of a provision for the collection of this duty. To such a provision the Powers concerned gave their assent.

As the Customs revenue is now in the control of the Central Government, the Chinese Government, with a view to ameliorating the conditions of the merchants and to promoting commerce, hereby declares that it is prepared, three months after the close of this Conference, to relinquish the right to levy the existing Export Duty on native goods not destined for exportation to foreign countries and coast Trade Duty, provided in the treaties, as an initial step towards the ultimate abolition of *likin*; and that thereafter no Export Duty will be levied on native goods shipped from one Chinese port to another. In order, however, to prevent such goods from being fraudulently shipped to a foreign port, the exporter will be required to pay the regular Export Duty at the first port and secure a Drawback Certificate on the production of which the amount paid will be refunded to him upon re-importation of the said goods into the second port, it being understood that this arrangement does not apply to native goods exempt from export duty.

"DEAD" ACTOR ALIVE. DEATH PRESUMPTION ORDER REVOKED.

Officially presumed dead by the Probate Court on November 15th, Mr. Arthur du Pasquier Yates, an actor, son of the late Edmund Hodgson Yates, for many years editor of the "World," was "resurrected" by the same court on the 18th when the "death" order was revoked.

Mr. Beddington, for the wife, explained that the publicity given to the proceedings in Court on the 15th by the newspapers had produced the information that a Mr. Lazarus saw Mr. Yates in September, 1921, when about to sail for South Carolina. Another person said he had heard from Mr. Yates within the past fortnight.

Lord Merivale: Obviously the order made on Monday must be revoked. I have sat here a good many years, but I think this is the first time that a person presumed to be dead upon the usual legal presumptions, was credibly reported to be alive.

Mr. Beddington: I have only heard of one case and that was many years ago.

MOVEMENTS PERFECTLY OPEN.

The whole story as now unfolded of Mr. Yates' career since November, 1918, when he disappeared, is a remarkable one, says a London paper. He was actually working in London right up to 1921. A one period his work as editor of the film newspaper, "Topical Budget," was being seen by many thousands of people daily, and yet his wife and family, who also lived in London, believed him dead.

His movements were perfectly open; he was living and working under his own name, and there are many persons to-day in Wardour-street, Soho, and in theatrical circles who were fully acquainted with his movements right up to the time he left England to go cotton-farming at Hartsville, in South Carolina. He is there now, on the farm of a Mr. Marion Moor, and a letter dated October 25th last was received from him by an intimate friend, Mr. Harold Jeapes, in London.

For some years before he left England he was working daily almost within a stone's throw of his brother's club in the West End, yet the two never met. His wife and daughter made inquiries for him, but could not find him. Solicitors advertised the fact that he had come into a little fortune of £21,000, but no one came forward to give any clue as to his whereabouts.

He was entitled to this sum under the will of his brother Frederick, who died in December, 1921. He knew that this money would come to him, but, strangely enough, never knew that it was awaiting his disposal.

CUTICURA HEALS SCALP ECZEMA

Of a Wet Nature. Irritation Was Unbearable. Lost Sleep.

"I suffered with eczema of the scalp for about six months. It was of a wet nature, and the least bit of exertion caused unbearable irritation. I lost my sleep for about three months. I tried different remedies, all to no purpose. A friend advised me to try Cuticura Soap and Ointment so I sent for a free sample. It gave instant relief so I purchased more, and in one month I was completely healed." (Signed) D. Russell, 25, King St., Nether-ton, Dudley, Worcs., Eng.

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AUGUST 8th.
AUGUST 29th.

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The issue of August 8th contains the detailed reply by A. G. M. to Wu Hon Man's Manifesto. This reply analyses very fully the various contentions put forward by the Bolsheviks in their propaganda, and gives the British point of view. It should be kept on record as it will always be useful for reference purposes.

The issue of August 29th contains the full report of the great indignation meeting held at the Theatre Royal, together with the text of the Telegram sent to the Prime Minister.

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SIR OLIVER LODGE ON FORETELLING THE FUTURE.

"The extent and power of human inference cannot be considered fully known as yet, and it is unwise for the law to condemn people for attempting to forecast the future as if that were so manifestly impossible as to be *ipso facto* fraudulent," writes Sir Oliver Lodge in a letter to the *Times*.

"Admittedly there are certain ridiculous superstitions—as if human destiny could be determined by the fall of playing-cards or by the position of planets—but the extent to which foretelling of the future can be achieved is a matter for scientific inquiry. There is nothing absurd in the idea."

"A railway time-table predicts the trains at least a month ahead. An astronomer can predict eclipses several centuries in advance. Some experts succeed in foretelling the weather for, say, 24 hours. And statesmen attempt to forecast the result of an election or the probable attitude of a self-governing State. So some power of prediction is known to exist, though manifestly subject to uncertainty."

"The law against foretelling was passed in times of ignorance and unscientific stupidity. Legislation should not be used for stopping material for investigation, even if intended only as a wholesome check on fraud. I would not deny that foolish people may be misled of shillings or half-crowns by pretended seers—who are an admitted nuisance—but it seems a trivial evil about which to set the law in motion."

"It is proverbially easier to prosecute the rogue who steals the goose from off the common than the practitioner on a larger scale who steals the common from the goose."

"The serious aspect of the present position is that the law makes no discrimination between honesty and dishonesty. How far foretelling of the future is possible is not a legal but a scientific question."

"What is certain is that in his concern for seeing more clearly into the future Sir Oliver is thinking of knowledge in general," writes "A. B." in the *Manchester Guardian* before launching into a forecast of the future on his own account.

"The indifference of the rest of us may, no doubt, partly be explained by the present incompetence of foretelling as a science. Sir Oliver himself can only bring forward, as examples of those who are doing their bit in this direction, statesmen who forecast the results of general elections, officials who draw up railway time-tables, astronomers and weather forecasters."

"It is not a very encouraging list. Prophetic scientists who cannot do better than most of those may expect to be ignored. But, nevertheless, we dare not laugh altogether. Some day even weather reports may be put beyond doubt of inaccuracy, and the whole future may come flooding into the expert's laboratories as smoothly as the latest news is now spun by the tape machine into the lobbies of the clubs."

"We are congratulating ourselves at the moment on having brought up the speed of flying to over 200 miles an hour. It is impossible that some of us who read about the Schneider Cup will live to read a leading article, beginning 'When Sir Oliver Lodge made his first successful experiments in "time-vision" (the very phrase was unknown to most of us in our youth) it was thought a remarkable thing to be able to see a day ahead. The latest improvements in the "Cassandra" apparatus, full details of which we publish this morning, will bring our range of vision up to over 200 years!'"

"Fantastic such an idea may be, but it is not, alas! impossible. Indeed, it has all the marks upon it of the best of scientific progress. First, to our generation, living, perhaps, on the eve of its arrival, it sounds absurdly remote, just as many of our grandfathers would have laughed out of court the railways, telegraphs, and broadcasting. The point is too obvious to need stressing."

"What is much more significant is the second and decisive characteristic of a coming invention that 'time-vision' possesses. Nobody could say, even roughly, how it would affect our lives, and nobody is in the least likely to enquire until the thing is upon us. What could be more typical of scientific inventions!"

"Again and again in the last century and a half the impressively fertile scientists have launched their bolts at us out of their obscure blue heaven of research, and yet we have never taken the slightest interest in what they are doing until they have done it. That their activity is beyond good and evil to a far more sinister extent than is that of artists is a commonplace."

"They give us a poison gas with one hand and an antiseptic with the other. They cause machines to move swiftly, and then make the multiplications of those machines so easy that we cannot move. There is the credit for the machine of having killed the old sleepy world, and created the world we live in. Whether they are our creditors or our debtors we do not ask and they do not care. Only every time they offer us anything we accept it without worrying about how much harm and confusion it may be bringing in its train."

A more wretched form of entertainment than the modern cinema can hardly be imagined.—*The Duke of Northumberland.*

PASSING PICCADILLY.

[BY E. STANFORD CHANCELLOR.]

Having withstood longer than most structures in Piccadilly the processes by which its neighbours have been passed into the limbo of forgotten things, the Museum of Practical Geology is at last doomed, and in the near future we may expect to have our eyes filled with the dust of its funeral pyre.

Of course, it is not really in Piccadilly at all; at least, its principal facade, with its doorway around which Alfred Stevens wore the decorative beauties of his marvellous imagination, is not. That is in Jermyn-street. But the long window-frontage before which the buses draw up and the expectant crowd lingers is there; and I dare say many Londoners (the visitor, of course, knows all about it, especially the American visitor) have wondered what the place is and why there is apparently no way into it.

Well, it has been the official home of geology in London since the museum was moved from Craig's Court (where a beautiful Harrington House awaits its inevitable fate) in 1851, when the architect, Sir J. Pennethorne (who built the west end of Somerset House, by the way), completed the structure he had begun four years earlier. It was appropriately opened by Prince Albert, whom one always visualises at his best in such educational inaugurations.

Those who have never been inside will be surprised (if they take time by the forelock and go while they still have the chance) at the wealth of interesting things to be seen there, as well as at the spacious character of the interior with its large entrance hall, its immense museum on the first floor, and its vast library. I dread to think what Jermyn-street will be like when all these precious objects begin to be moved, and those 30,000 volumes (for that is said to be their number) are taken from their shelves and carted away to their new home! I imagine the ghost of Sir Henry de la Beche, who founded the museum there eighty odd years ago, will be seen hovering uneasily about the trucks and crates containing his beloved specimens and the tomes in which their wonders are recorded.

All, all are going, or have gone—the old familiar faces of the Piccadilly of yesterday. The chambers at the east corner of St. James's-street where Dickens placed the locale of one of his ghost stories; the shop opposite where Hobbs made his famous boots.

Red-brick Walsingham House has long since gone down before the splendour of the Ritz—Walsingham House, where the Walsingham Hotel once was, and the Latham Club, before it migrated to Sir Julian Goldsmid's mansion further west, whence, too, it has departed into the past.

Denham's classic little facade has long since blossomed out into the full flower of a decorative renaissance, and its site has wholly forgotten the Pall Mall Club which Lord Townshend started there. Norman Shaw's vast colonnaded hotel has swept away the bookshop of Quaritch, that bibliophile Napoleon who gained so many victories on his favourite battlefield, Sotheby's, when Sotheby's was in Wellington-street, and the insecurity of Waterloo Bridge was no more dreamed of than the insecurity of St. Paul's.

We have already begun to forget Devonshire House in the pile which our modern Vanbrughs are laying, story by story, on its site; and the window where the Baroness's historic parrot hung is now represented by the iron skeleton of some new erection beneath whose weight its memory and that of its benevolent owner, and of that owner's eccentric father, will be buried as some Pharaoh is buried within his pyramidal mausoleum. *Eheu! fugaces!*

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4 MINUTES' DEATH SENTENCE TRIAL.

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Johnson pleaded guilty, the first such plea in thirty years at a murder trial at Manchester.

He had stabbed the girl to death, apparently through jealousy, as was a married man.

In probably the shortest murder trial on record Johnson, steady and unflinching, replied to the questions of the judge and the clerk clearly and decisively.

Mr. Justice Wright asked him if he had seriously considered the course he was taking. Johnson replied that he had.

"You know," the judge proceeded, "that by pleading guilty the sentence which the law must pass upon you is in no way affected."

Johnson—I realise that.

You have been offered counsel and have refused—Yes. I have refused it.

The Clerk of Assize (Sir Herbert Stephen) asked Johnson if he had anything to say why sentence of death should not be pronounced upon him.

"Nothing," replied Johnson calmly.

The Judge thereupon passed sentence of death.

Before going below after the sentence, which he heard without a tremor, Johnson waved his hand to a friend he saw in court.

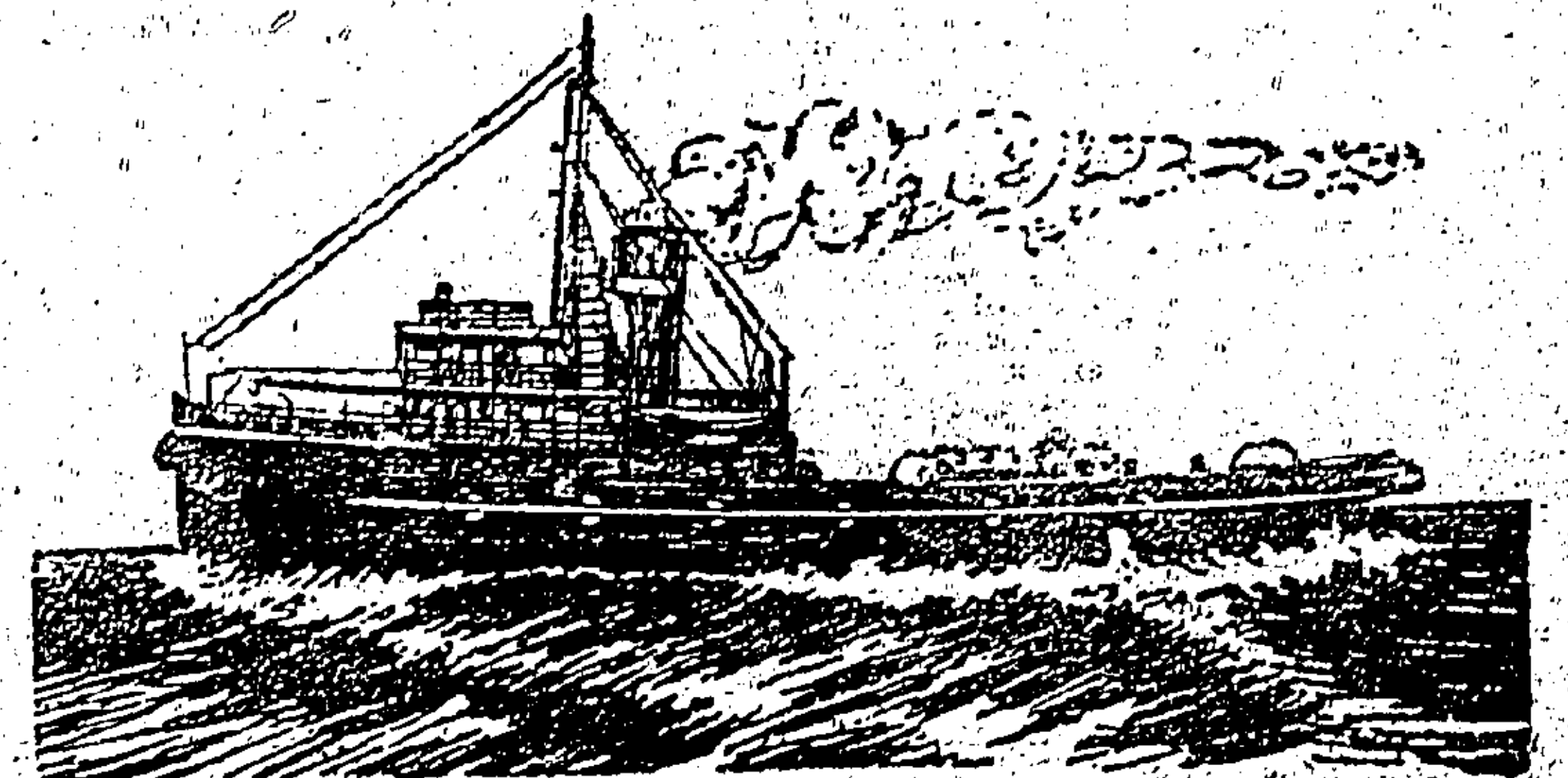
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Kaiping, British str., 1,605 tons, Capt. R. M. Macfarlane, from Chinwangtao, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B30.—Dodwell & Co.

Kashima Maru, Japanese str., 6,147 tons, Capt. T. Araki, from London, which port she left on November 21st, with 681 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

December 30th.

City of Cairo, British str., 3,021 tons, Capt. R. Dowe, from Kolo, Tsingtau and Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at Admiralty buoy No. 1.—Bank Line.

Derwent, Chinese str., 1,582 tons, Capt. W. Brewer, from Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A3.—Yuen S.S. Co.

Fook Sang, British str., 3,987 tons, Capt. M. Costello, from Calcutta and Straits, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Kalgon, British str., 1,556 tons, Capt. A. Tucker, from Hoihow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B11.—B. & S.

Onaka, British str., 5,500 tons, Capt. E. F. Mellor, from Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's wharf.—B. & S.

Shantung, British str., 1,548 tons, Capt. R. Robertson, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B21.—B. & S.

CLEARANCES.

December 30th.

City of Cairo, for Singapore.

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Kato Maru, for Swatow.

Kyung Sang, for Shanghai.

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Tjikoang, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. *Fook Sang*, on December 30th: Mr. S. M. Gerrard, Mr. J. Gilchrist, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Paret, Mr. J. E. Lycett Greenwell.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* is due here tomorrow (Friday), and will berth at Pier 5, Kowloon Wharf, South Side.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Australia*, left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on December 26th, and is due here on January 16th.

HONGKONG SHIPPING.

Yesterday's shipping statement showed that the total number of vessels in the harbour at 9 a.m. was 73, of which 37 were British.

During the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday there were only six arrivals, four being British, one Norwegian and one Japanese. Departures for the same period numbered eight, including one steamer for Kwang Chow Wan and one for Amoy, with four clearances for the same period, two of which were for Amoy.

CARGO ENTERED.

(During 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday).

For Hongkong 13,957 tons.

For ports beyond 7,311 "

Total 21,268 "

(Previous 24 hours).

For Hongkong 9,869 tons.

For ports beyond 21,070 "

Total 30,939 "

Of the cargo entered for Hongkong, less than 12,178 tons of the total entry were brought by the four British vessels, the bus cargo for the period under review being 6,340 tons of liquid fuel brought by the s.s. *Andania* from San Pedro; while the next best was by the s.s. *Kaiping* from Chinwangtao (2,760 tons). Deck passengers carried—totalled 24.

The arrivals for the period referred to were as under:—The s.s. *Andania* (British) from San Pedro with 6,340 tons of liquid fuel; the s.s. *Chenan* (British) from Shanghai and Swatow with 1,120 tons of general cargo and oil; the *Fook Sang* (British) from Calcutta and Singapore with 1,450 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Kaiping* (British) from Chinwangtao with 2,740 tons of coal, 20 tons of relay and 1,000 pieces of bricks, and mail; the s.s. *Gittero* (Norwegian) from Andania with 1,100 tons of general cargo and freight; and mail; and the s.s. *Kashima Maru* (Japanese) from Fiddlesborough and Singapore with 681 tons of machinery, steel, wine, gunnery, rattan and paper and mail. The s.s. *City of Cairo* (British) also arrived on Tuesday from Kolo and Shanghai with mail, but the report was handed in too late for inclusion in the above returns.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

The s.s. *Empress of Russia* (Swedish East Asiatic), due Jan. 1st, 1924.

The s.s. *Empress of Russia* (C.P.R.), due January 1st.

SHIPPING NOTES.

A Notice from the Customs authorities at Tientsin intimates that the ice-breaker acting as a light-ship is liable to be absent from her station during rough weather until such a time as the weather improves.

Ships using the Sulphur Channel are requested to proceed at slow speed as the wash from shipping is causing inconvenience to Port Development Works.

The master of the *Fook Sang* reported to the Harbour Office that on the voyage from Calcutta via Singapore to Hongkong, bad weather was encountered. The voyage commenced with a strong monsoon and heavy seas. The weather became moderate later, but then increased to a gale with heavy seas near the China Coast.

The Harbour Office will be closed on Friday and Saturday, January 1st and 2nd, except the Entry and Clearance Office which will open from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and the Junk Office from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

The new river steamer of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., the s.s. *Taishan*, will take her place on the Hongkong-Macao run on Saturday, and on her return the same afternoon from Macao, the s.s. *Nui An*, it is understood, is to be laid up for the time being. The *Taishan* is to take over the morning trip from the *Kinshun* and in addition to an excursion trip on Saturday will also make one on Sunday. On Saturday the *Taishan* leaves from the Canton steamers' wharf. On that day an official reception is to be held on board the new steamer on arrival at Macao, which H.E. the Governor of Macao is to attend.

The s.s. *Lung Shun*, which only took her place on the Hongkong-Canton run on Monday, replacing the *Hunam*, grounded on the bar at Tai Shai at 8.45 on Tuesday morning, after leaving Canton at 8 a.m. She was unable to re-float until noon, owing to it being low water when she went aground. The rising tide lifted her clear and she reached Hongkong just after 8 p.m., three hours behind her scheduled time.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Scotland* (Canadian Pacific Line) is already on her round-the-world cruise, having left New York on December 4th bound for Mediterranean ports. She has over 400 tourists on board who spent Christmas in Palestine and will celebrate the New Year in Egypt, in followed by a second New Year festival in China on February 13th.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, December 30th.

	Previous Day	On Date	On Day
	at 2 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.19	30.30	30.31
Temperature	63	51	50
Humidity	62	62	73
Wind Direction	N	N	E
Force	2	3	3
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature on 30th ... 58

Lowest open-air Temperature on 30th ... 49

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From Dec. 31st, 1923, to Jan. 6th, 1924.

Days of Week	Days of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		H'kong. Standard Time.	Height.	H'kong. Standard Time.	Height.
Thur.	31	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		11 25	4 3	3 40	1 0
Fri.	1	0 12	4 5	3 13	0 4
		10 13	7 5	3 43	0 9
Satur.	2	1 14	4 1	3 55	1 0
		10 43	7 2	4 11	3 7
Sun.	3	1 51	4 2	6 35	1 2
		11 14	6 9	4 38	3 9
Mon.	4	2 37	4 1	7 17	1 5
		11 42	6 0	5 7	4 0
Tues.	5	3 15	4 2	8 0	1 8
		12 01	6 0	8 42	2 1
Wed.	6	3 51	4 5	7 19	4 2

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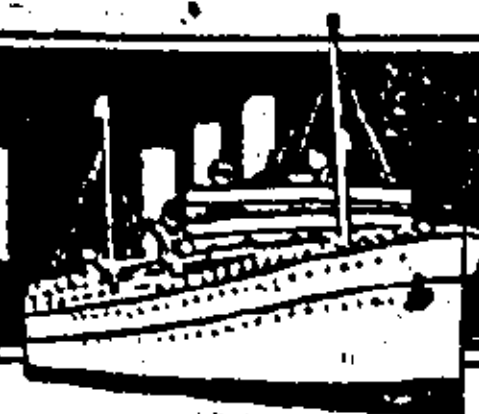
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KAMO MARU Saturday, 2nd Jan. at 11 a.m.

KATORI MARU Saturday, 18th Jan. at 11 a.m.

ATSUTA MARU Saturday, 30th Jan.

HAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM.

LIVERPOOL via ADEN & MARSEILLES.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

AKI MARU Wednesday, 20th Jan. at 11 a.m.

MISHIMA MARU Wednesday, 24th Feb.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

TATSUNO MARU Sunday, 17th Jan.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town, Delagoa Bay & Algoa Bay.

KAWACHI MARU Monday, 28th Dec.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Bangkok.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

TOTTORI MARU Sunday, 3rd Jan.

TAMBA MARU Saturday, 9th Jan.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

MISHIMA MARU Sunday, 10th Jan.

SEANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

KASHIMA MARU Wednesday, 30th Dec.

AKITA MARU Wednesday, 30th Dec.

TOYOSHIMA MARU Thursday, 7th Jan.

HAKONE MARU Tuesday, 12th Jan.

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KOBE via AMOY, SHANGHAI	"CHIPSHING"	Friday	1st Jan., at 7 a.m.
MOJI	"FOOKSANG"	Saturday	2nd Jan., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	Monday	4th Jan., at 3 p.m.
TSINGTAU via SHANGHAI	"TUNGSHING"	Wednesday	6th Jan., at Noon.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"MINGSANG"	Wednesday	6th Jan., at Noon.
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"GLENAMOY"	23rd	"PEMBROKESHIRE" ... 17th Feb.
"GLENGARRY"	4th Mar.	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg via Oran.
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"ATREIA"	9,273	1st Feb.	Singapore & Bombay
"DELTA"	9,097	4th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo, and B'bay.
"MALWA"	10,941	6th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
"KARMALA"	9,093	20th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MANTUA"	10,902	6th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	9,985	13th Mar.	Mars, L'don, A'werp, and Hamburg.
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"KALYAN"	9,144	21st Apr.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
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"TILAWA"	10,008	14th Feb.	do.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	21st Feb.	do.

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"ARAFURA"	8,000	6th Jan.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	3rd Feb.	Torquayville, Brisbane, Sydney.
"TANJA"	8,959	3rd Mar.	and Melbourne.
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"DELTA"	9,097	9th Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	9th Jan.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"SANTHIA"	8,500	13th Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,125	23rd Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TILAWA"	10,008	25th Jan.	Kobe and Osaka.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	1st Feb.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	6th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	9,985	6th Feb.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,958	8th Feb.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
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"MOREA"	10,913	6th Mar.	do.
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"MANTUA"	10,902	28th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,093	11th June	do.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	12th June	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.

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HOIHOW & SINGAPORE	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 2nd Jan.	Noon
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	On 5th Jan.	D.L.
BANGKOK	"CHIKHUA"	On 5th Jan.	5 p.m.
AMOY & SINGAPORE	"KAIKAN"	On 5th Jan.	5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SIYANG"	On 6th Jan.	11 a.m.
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	"TAMING"	On 7th Jan.	10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 7th Jan.	4 p.m.
HAIPHONG, HOIHOW	"KAYING"	On 8th Jan.	Noon
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SOCCEOW"	On 9th Jan.	4 p.m.
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ANGKOR ... A	1st Jan., 1924	3rd Feb.	16th Feb.
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